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MINUTES

HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, January 22, 2008
3:00 p.m.
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San Francisco, CA 94102

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1) CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Sanchez called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

Present: Commissioner David Sanchez, Ph.D., Acting President
Commissioner James Illig
Commissioner Margine Sako
Commissioner Steven Tierney, Ed.D.
Commissioner Catherine Waters, R.N., Ph.D.

Absent: Commissioner Edward Chow, M.D.

Commissioner Sanchez welcomed the new commissioners and asked them to introduce themselves.

Commissioner Waters is with the School of Nursing at UCSF. Her are of interests are in health promotion and illness prevention and particularly using lifestyle behaviors as mechanisms for risk reduction. Her passion is public health.

Commissioner Tierney is professor of community mental health at the California Institute of Integral Studies. He has been a contractor of city services and a DPH employee in the AIDS Office HIV Prevention Section. It is delightful to be here in this new role. He takes seriously the responsibility to make San Francisco the healthiest city in the United States. He looks forward to moving DPH to be health outcome oriented.

Margine Sako is the Executive Director of Fundraising for St. Mary's Medical Center. She started out working with Willie Brown in 1978 and stayed with him when he became mayor. She was born and raised in San Francisco. Health has always been a priority for her.

Public Comment

- Patrick Monette Shaw welcomed the new commissioners. He said this body could have made an effort to move this meeting to Laguna Honda Hospital so that residents could comment on the Chambers settlement.

Commissioner Sanchez said the holidays and the transition of Commission members resulted in the January meetings being rescheduled. The Commission will be meeting on the next three Tuesdays.

2) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF DECEMBER 18, 2007

Public Comment

- Patrick Monette-Shaw (150-word summary) - These December 18 minutes report Commissioner Chow highlighted a *Laguna Honda Grapevine* article regarding "changes at Clarendon Hall." Chow said this issue would be discussed at the Laguna Honda Hospital Joint Conference Committee (LHH-JCC). Before adopting these minutes, the Commission should revise the words "changes at Clarendon Hall" to "the plan to prematurely close Clarendon Hall by June 2008," so readers of the minutes are accurately informed Clarendon Hall is rapidly being closed, and its 112 residents are being prematurely and suddenly relocated to either the main hospital or discharged to the community. The *Grapevine* had reported the Clarendon closure proposal required Health Commission approval, but the plan was rushed into implementation without prior approval by the full Health Commission, without discussion at the LHH-JCC (since its December 24 meeting rescheduled to December 17 was cancelled), without a public hearing beforehand to solicit public comment, and without a Bielenson hearing.

Action Taken: The Commission (Illig, Sako, Sanchez, Tierney, Waters) approved the minutes of the December 18, 2007 Health Commission meeting.

3) APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

Commissioner Illig chaired and Commissioner Sanchez and Commissioner Tierney attended the Budget Committee meeting. Commissioner Chow was absent. The Budget Committee requested that Item 3.1, 3.4 and 3.5 be moved to the Discussion section of the agenda. Commissioner Illig said the Budget Committee would like all contract documents proofed by the Contracts Office prior to coming to the Health Commission. Commissioners will find the mistakes.

For Approval

(3.1) **PHP-Healthy SF** – Request for approval of a contract modification with The Center to Promote Health Care Access, in the amount of $470,012, for a total contract amount of $2,298,353, which includes a 12% contingency, to provide a system enhancement to the One-E-App application

used by Healthy San Francisco for eligibly screening and determination, for the period of June 1, 2007 through June 30, 2012 (Sixty-one months).

(3.2) **AIDS OFFICE-HIV Prevention** – Request for approval of a retroactive renewal contract with Tenderloin Health, in the amount of $316,111, which includes a 12% contingency, to provide HIV prevention services – Counseling & Testing, to behavioral risk populations in San Francisco, for the period of January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2009 (2 yrs).

(3.3) **CHN-San Francisco General Hospital Medical Center** – Request for approval to accept and expend retroactively a grant of $150,000 from the Kaiser Permanente Community Benefits Program, to conduct quality improvement and patient safety activities at the San Francisco General Hospital Medical Center, for the period of October 1, 2007 through October 1, 2009.

(3.6) **PHP-CHPP** – Request for approval of a contract with San Francisco Study Center, in the amount of $190,000 for the first six months, $225,000 for the following 12 months, for a total contract amount of $464,800, which includes a 12% contingency, to provide administrative capacity building and fiscal intermediary services, including training and technical assistance, program development, implementation and evaluation for community-based and driven projects addressing violence, chronic disease, alcohol problem and traffic/pedestrian safety and prevention, for the period of January 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 (1.5 yrs).

(3.7) **CHPP-Health Education** – Request for approval of a retroactive renewal contract with O'Rorke, Inc., in the amount of $40,000 per year for a contract amount of $112,000, which include a 12% contingency, to provide media services for the Traffic Safety Projects in Community Health Education Section, for the period of October 15, 2007 through April 15, 2010 (2.5 yrs).

(3.8) **CHPP-Health Education** – Request for approval of a retroactive renewal contract with San Francisco Study Center, in the amount of $33,750 for the first year and $45,000 for the second year, for a total contract amount of $88,200, which includes a 12% contingency, to provide administrative capacity building services for the Traffic Safety Projects in Community Health Education Section, for the period of January 1, 2008 through April 15, 2010 (2.5 yrs).

For Discussion and Approval

(3.1) **PHP-Healthy SF** – Request for approval of a contract modification with The Center to Promote Health Care Access, in the amount of $470,012, for a total contract amount of $2,298,353, which includes a 12% contingency, to provide a system enhancement to the One-E-App application used by Healthy San Francisco for eligibly screening and determination, for the period of June 1, 2007 through June 30, 2012 (Sixty-one months).

Commissioners' Comments

- Commissioner Illig asked if the funding is true general fund. Tangerine Brigham said this is true general fund, and helps us meet our required State match. Commissioner Illig asked if the System of Record was part of the original scope of work. Ms. Brigham said it was. Originally the plan was to have it under the third party administrator. They then decided this was not appropriate and are doing it under this contract.

(3.4) **CHPP-Health Promotion** – Request for approval of a retroactive renewal contract with International Institute of the Bay Area (formerly International Institute of San Francisco), in the

amount of $214,129 per year, for a total contract amount of $731,966, which includes a 12% contingency, to provide prevention health services, including outreach, medical interpretation, health education and referrals for documented refugees and other immigrants, for the period of October 1, 2007 through December 31, 2009 (2.25 yrs).

Commissioners' Comments

- Commissioner Illig asked why this contract was delayed. Patricia Erwin said part of the delay is due to the fact that they receiving funding augmentations from the State and the general fund. Another component of the delay is due to process problems. Margi Dunlap, Executive Director, said from time to time she has problems with communication with the Contracts Office. The process could be simplified, and she appreciates having a two and a half year contract.

- Commissioner Tierney asked how the program is preparing for potential funding loss, given the looming State budget cuts. Ms. Erwin said these are federal pass through funds so they originate with the Federal government.

(3.5) **PHP-CHPP-AAHI** – Request for approval of retroactive renewal contract with Black Coalition on AIDS, in the amount of $570,076, with an annual contract amount of $339,331, which includes a 12% contingency, to provide fiscal agent and support services to the African American Coalition for Health Improvement and Empowerment as the community partner for the DPH African American Health Initiative, serving African Americans city-wide, for the period of January 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 (1.5 yrs).

Commissioners' Comments

- Commissioner Illig asked how the evaluation method could be improved. Ginger Smyly, Community Health Promotion and Prevention, said the agency had a wide range of services but an inadequate way to evaluate the impact of these services. DPH asked the agency to reduce the number of activities and develop ways to evaluate these services so that we can see the impact of what the agency is doing.

- Commissioner Sanchez said he looks forward to seeing the revised evaluation by the end of 2008. Ms. Smyly said DPH time-phased the agency's objectives so that all reports are not done at once. Jimmy Loyce, BCA Executive Director, said they intend to provide quarterly reports to DPH to update on the status of reaching objectives. Commissioner Sanchez said documentation is key to show the pathway and the outcomes.

- Commissioner Tierney is delighted that they are going to be evaluating results instead of just activities. He asked how community was involved in helping to define the objectives. Ms. Smyly said for this contract they used a community participatory approach and will do so for the evaluation as well. The goal is for the community to identify the top problems that can be addressed through policies that will impact the environment they live in, rather than doing one-on-one health education. Mr. Loyce added that there is a parallel planning process underway with African American Health Executives to look at policies and health disparities within the community and at some point these efforts will converge.

(3.9) **PHP-Housing& Urban Health** – Request for approval of a contract renewal with Episcopal Community Services, in the amount of $3,161,232, which includes a 12% contingency, to provide supportive housing services targeting homeless adults, for the period of January 1, 2008 to June 30, 2010 (2 yrs 6 mos).

Commissioners' Comments

- Commissioner Illig said the objectives seem a little low compared to what the agency achieved. Margot Antonetty said that the employment objective is a standardized objective. Kevin Shultz, Episcopal Community Services, added that the Pacific Bay Inn has ECS programs that allow them to be successful at this particular housing site. Commissioner Illig said one of the DPH goals is to keep people out of inpatient facilities. It is curious to see placement in inpatient facilities is included in one of the outcome objectives. Ms. Antonetty said they take many people out of inpatient facilities but some people turn out not to be ready. The goal is to have a somewhat seamless transition back into a higher level of care, rather than having the person go back out to the street and reenter the system through the emergency department.

- Commissioner Sanchez commended ECS for staying the course over the past hundred years. They have a strong tradition of supporting families.

(3.10) **AIDS OFFICE-HIV Prevention** – Request for approval of a retroactive renewal contract with Black Coalition on AIDS, in the amount of $291,627, which includes a 12% contingency, to provide HIV prevention services – Prevention with Positives and Health Education and Risk Reduction, to behavioral risk populations in San Francisco, for the period of January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008 (1 yr).

Secretary's Note – This contract was continued to the January 29, 2008 Health Commission meeting.

(3.11) **BHS** – Request for approval of a retroactive contract renewal with Regents of the University of California, on behalf of the UCSF Clinical Practice Group, in the amount of $4,778,496 per year, for a total contract amount of $8,027,873, which includes a 12% contingency, to provide outpatient mental health treatment services, for the period of July 1, 2007 through December 31, 2008 (1.5 yrs).

Commissioners' Comments

- Commissioner Illig said that the contract summary suggests that the contract received a 49% increase. Sidney Lam, CBHS, said the contract documents are incorrect. The increase is $750,000, not $1.57 million. Dave Fariello, Citywide Case Management, added that the number of FTEs increased from 41.80 to 46.05. Commissioner Illig asked what the MIOCR grant is. Mr. Fariello said MIOCR is a State grant that focuses on mentally ill offenders. This grant cycle they are using the grant to do supportive employment. They are also working with a researcher at the VA who is doing cognitive remediation. Commissioner Illig asked how this program differs from Jail Psych. Service. Mr. Fariello replied that JPS works with clients as they transition into the community. The MIOCR program works with the highest risk people from the criminal justice system in the community for a longer period of time.

- Commissioner Tierney said the outcome objective for outpatient programs is to reduce inpatient psychiatric days by 15 percent, and the agency achieved 94 percent. Mr. Fariello said he thinks that they achieved 94% of the goal of 15%. He added that 15% is a struggle year to year.

- Commissioner Sanchez commended the agency on its precise data collection and presentation. This is so important to demonstrate whether or not we are making a difference. Commissioner Sanchez noted that Richard Blum is the President of the Board of Regents of the University of California. This was incorrectly noted in the contract documents.

(3.12) **BHS** – Request for approval of a retroactive contract renewal with Regents of the University of California, on behalf of the UCSF Clinical Practice Group, in the amount of $3,418,577 per year, for a total contract amount of $5,743,209, which includes a 12% contingency, to provide outpatient mental health treatment services, for the period of July 1, 2007 through December 31, 2008 (1.5 yrs).

Commissioners' Comments

- Commissioner Tierney said given that the agency achieved 100% of the outpatient program's outcome objective, perhaps staff should consider increasing the objective.

- Commissioner Illig said Conard House, Progress Foundation and other CBOs used to have this as an outcome objective. He was told that this was removed because agencies cannot get data on days of hospitalization and compare pre- and post community-based treatment. Bob Cabaj, Director, CBHS, said this objectives did not make sense for some of the residential programs so they removed it. In addition they are looking at making all objectives outcome oriented to move away from the numbers that are achieved and more toward quality of life improvements. Mr. Lam added that Citywide is a long term stable program and we can track these clients better than clients of other residential programs.

Action Taken: The Commission (Illig, Sako, Sanchez, Tierney, Waters) approved the Budget Committee Consent Calendar.

4) DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mitchell H. Katz, M.D., Health Director, presented the Director's Report.

Good Bye to Former Health Commissioners

It is always difficult to say good bye to Health Commissioners and this month presents an overwhelming task as we replace four Commission posts. Dr. Katz is pleased to note that while they leave the Health Commission, all of our Commissioners will continue to work within their scope of interest and commitment to public health.

Lee Ann Monfredini, served as a Commissioner for 12 years and as president for seven of those years, most recently from 2005 through 2007. She served on a variety of JCC's throughout her years of service and led the Commission through a number of difficult budget years. Lee Ann was instrumental in leading the effort to pass the Laguna Honda Bond measure in 1999. Commissioner Roma Guy also leaves the Commission after serving nearly 12 years. Ms. Guy leaves a legacy of activism and community involvement with a strong commitment to underserved populations. Roma mentored literally hundreds of public health students at San Francisco State. Commissioner

Catherine Dodd was a relative newcomer to the Commission in 2007 but an experienced and highly qualified nurse and public health advocate. Commissioner Dodd left to accept a new position with Mayor Newsom as Deputy Chief of Staff for Health and Human Services. We will work closely with Dr. Dodd in her new leadership role and look forward to advancing a robust public health agenda such as the new bond initiative for San Francisco General Hospital. Also a newcomer to the Commission, Markus Watson, DDS, was appointed by Mayor Newsom in 2007 and served on the Budget Committee and Population Health and Prevention JCC. Dr. Watson leaves to attend to his growing dentistry practice. We are very grateful to all of our Commissioners for their service to the Department and thank them for their commitment to improving the health of all San Franciscans in the past and for many years to come.

Welcome to New Health Commissioners

Today, we have the privilege of welcoming four new Commissioners: Steven Tierney, Catherine Waters, Margine Sako and Sonia Melara.

- Steven Tierney is Professor and Program Director, Community Mental Health for the California Institute of Integral Studies. He was formerly the Deputy Executive Director for the San Francisco AIDS Foundation responsible for approximately ten million dollars of HIV, health and addiction services that reached a diverse population of over 1,000 clients. Formally he served as a member of the Board of Health and Hospitals for the City of Boston.

- Catherine Waters is an Associate Professor in the Department of Community Healthy Systems at the UCSF School of Nursing. Her community-based research focuses on preventative healthcare and advancing public/private community partnerships.

- Margine Sako is currently the Executive Director of the St. Mary's Medical Center Foundation. She served as Mayor Willie Brown's liaison to the Department of Public Health with a focus on universal healthcare and hospital acquisition. Ms. Sako has extensive experience in grantmaking, policy, planning, development and implementation of community health services. She has also worked for Catholic Healthcare West and the San Francisco Foundation.

- Sonia Melara is the Executive Director of Rally Family Visitation Services of Saint Francis Memorial Hospital. She has over 25 years of management experience in the non-profit and for-profit sectors and is the co-founder of La Casa De Las Madres, California's first shelter for survivors of domestic violence.

Health Care Security Ordinance

As the Health Commission is aware, the Health Care Security Ordinance requires employers to make health care expenditures for their certain employees (the Employer Spending Requirement) and mandates creation of the *Healthy San Francisco* program. The programs are different, but work in tandem. The following is an update on both components of the Ordinance

Employer Spending Requirement

The Employer Spending Requirement (ESR) was challenged in a federal lawsuit filed by the Golden Gate Restaurant Association. The U.S. District Court found the ESR invalid, and the City and County is appealing this decision. Pending the appeal, the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals granted the City and County's Emergency Motion for a Stay of the District Court's decision, which allowed the ESR to go into effect on January 9, 2008. Specifically,

- it takes effect on 1/9/08 for employers with 50 or more employees (both for-profits and non-profits businesses) and
- it takes effect on 4/1/08 for for-profit employers with 20-49 employees (non-profit businesses with fewer than 50 employees are exempt).

Employers may select the City Option (Healthy San Francisco) to satisfy the ESR.

The ESR is overseen by the Office of Labor Standards Enforcement, and not the Department. Information and updates on the ESR and the lawsuit are posted at www.sfgov.org/olse/hcso.

It is difficult to predict when the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals will issue a decision on the appeal. The Department would like to acknowledge the tremendous work of City Attorney Vince Chhabria who is representing the City and County in this lawsuit.

Healthy San Francisco

On Tuesday, January 2, 2008, the Healthy San Francisco (HSF) program expanded to include adult residents at higher income levels, namely those with incomes between 101% and 300% FPL.

As of mid-January 2007, there were 9,666 residents were participating in HSF. Enrollment continues to take place at the participating 27 primary care medical homes within the Department of Public Health and with San Francisco Community Clinic Consortium members.
The following provides summary demographic and program information on the enrolled population as of December 31, 2007:

Age	6% are 18 - 24; 28% are 25 - 44; 25% are 45 - 54; 41% are 55 - 64
Gender	52% female; 48% male
Ethnicity	46% Asian/Pacific Islander; 19% Latino; 13% Caucasian; 9% African-American, 1% Other; less than 1% Native American; 12% Not Provided
Language	42% English; 40% Cantonese/Mandarin; 14% Spanish; 1% Vietnamese; 3% Other

As anticipated, the percentage of Asian/Pacific Islanders as a percentage of enrollments has declined as enrollment activities have increased in other communities and at the participating health centers. Similarly, this has been the case with respect to age, in particular a decrease in percentage of participants aged 55 – 64 years old.

HSF disenrollments (a total of 32) mainly occur due to individuals becoming eligible for or enrolled in other coverage (56%) -- public, employer-sponsored or private coverage. In addition, reasons include death (6%), non-San Francisco residency status (16%) and other (22%). Finally, 57% of the HSF participants have selected a DPH medical home and 43% have selected a SFCCC medical home. Among those selecting medical homes, the majority (92% – 93% were either existing DPH or SFCCC patients. This finding is consistent with the HSF enrollment phases which focused on existing patients for enrollment.

Health Care Security and Cost Reduction Act (AB X 1 1)

On January 23, 2008, the Senate Health and Human Services Committee will consider ABX1 1, the Health Care Security and Cost Reduction Act. (Assembly Member Nunez and principal co-author Senator Perata).

The goal of ABX1 1 is to ensure that every Californian has access to health coverage. The bill creates a "pay or play" system for employers and would establish an individual mandate for

Californians to have insurance. Of the estimated $5 million uninsured Californians, estimates are that ABX1 1will cover 3.6 to 4 million. The bill's principal components are that it:

- creates an individual mandate to purchase health insurance,
- creates the California Cooperative Health Insurance Purchasing Program (Cal-CHIPP), a state health care purchasing program under the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board to provide coverage to specified individuals,
- expands the Medi-Cal Program and the Healthy Families Program,
- modifies the individual and group insurance markets,
- creates a local coverage option to expand coverage,
- expands preventive health programs and
- imposes a medical loss ratio which requires insurers to spend a specified proportion of premiums collected on medical care.

It is estimated that ABX1 1 will cost $14.5 - $15 billion. The financing component of ABX1 1 is in a companion initiative that has been submitted to the Attorney General for review and would require voter approval. If ABX1 1 passes the Legislature and is signed by the Governor, the initiative would go before the voters on the November 2008 statewide ballot. Program components would go into effect from January 2009 to July 2010. A summary of the bill is attached.

Bay Area Storms

As a result of the series of storms that hit the Bay Area recently, the Department of Emergency Management activated the Citywide Emergency Operations Center on January 4th. The major problems related to the storm included flooding, road closures, downed power lines and trees, and power outages. The most significant storm-related event within the Department of Public Health occurred at Laguna Honda Hospital where the storm damaged the scaffolding and protective shrink-wrap on each of the new buildings. Construction was temporarily suspended while superintendents inspected the site. Residents in the east wing of Clarendon Hall, adjacent to damaged scaffolding on the new East Residence building, were moved to units on the other side of the building as a precautionary measure. Clarendon's east wing will remain unoccupied until the damaged scaffolding is replaced. Repairs are underway. In addition, three DPH clinics experienced power loss during the storm.

The activation of the EOC and dealing with other storm-related incidents provided the Department of Public Health with another opportunity to exercise our own emergency response teams and make improvements for future operations.

Tiger Attack Victims Treated at SFGH

As the Commission is aware, a tiger at the San Francisco Zoo attacked three young men late on Christmas Day, killing one and injuring two others. Both victims were transported and treated at SFGH by the Trauma clinicians and were subsequently discharged four days later. Because this was such an unusual occurrence that happened over the holidays, the event drew worldwide media attention. SFGH staff held a press conference outside of the Emergency Department on the day after the attack and a final press briefing on Thursday, December 27th. Special thanks to the paramedic transport team and the Trauma staff who responded to this case and to the SFGH staff who worked diligently to control the unprecedented attention that it brought to the hospital. San Franciscans can be proud of the level of care and professionalism that was evident during this highly stressful event.

Rabid Bat Found in Marina

A live, but sick bat, later determined to be positive for rabies, was found wrapped in a towel in the Marina on Saturday evening, January 5th. Although further exposure to the public was unlikely, the

Department issued a press advisory asking anyone who might have touched the bat to contact the Communicable Disease Control Unit for evaluation. Staff from DPH distributed flyers throughout the immediate area and coordination of all information was passed along to the 3-1-1 Call Center.

Fresh and Easy Market to Open in BVHP

On Thursday December 13th, Fresh and Easy broke ground at 5800 Third Street for the construction of a full service market. The Bayview Hunters Point neighborhood has lacked a quality full service market for decades and residents are clamoring for access to healthy, fresh food as noted in the recently released Southeast Food Access Survey findings. The store is expected to open its doors in approximately 18 months. Until then, the Southeast Food Access working group, chaired by Dr. Mark Ghaly, medical director of Southeast Health Center, and Michael Janis, manager of Wholesale Produce Market, continues its efforts to improve access to healthy food by working with existing markets such as SuperSave and FoodsCo. We thank former Commissioner Roma Guy for her continued support of this effort.

Voter's Guide Promoting Child Passenger Safety and Stop Smoking Services

The Department of Elections offers City Departments the opportunity to promote City programs to the voting public by providing free, full-page ads in its Voter's Guide. I am pleased to report that two of the five ads you will find in your current Voter's Guide come from the Department of Public Health.

The ad from the Traffic Safety Program in the Community Health Education Section appears on page 80 and the promo for the Stop Smoking services provided by the Tobacco Free Project of the Community Health Education Section appears on page 43. The mailing was sent out to over 400,000 registered San Francisco voters. We are grateful to the San Francisco Department of Elections for helping us get these vital health and safety messages out to San Francisco residents.

10 DPH Teams Complete Walking Challenge

Congratulations to the 10 DPH teams for participating in and completing the 2007 Walking Challenge—the virtual 1016 mile walk up the West Coast. Complete results are available at www.shapeupsf.org.

Community Health Network, San Francisco General Hospital Credentials Report, January 2008

	01/08	7/07 to 01/08
New Appointments	13	143
Reinstatements	0	0
Reappointments	59	322
Delinquencies:	0	0
Reappointment Denials:	0	0
Resigned/Retired:	12	97
Disciplinary Actions	0	0
Restriction/Limitation-Privileges	0	0
Deceased	1	1

Changes in Privileges		
Additions	6	68
Voluntary Relinquishments	4	34
Proctorship Completed	32	47
Proctorship Extension	0	0

Current Statistics – as of 01/1/08			
Active Staff	517		
Courtesy Staff	589		
Affiliate Professionals (non-physicians)	210		
TOTAL MEMBERS	1,316		
Applications In Process		29	
Applications Withdrawn Month of January 2008		1	3 (07/07 to 01/08)
SFGH Reappointments in Process Feb. 2008 to May 2008		211	

Commissioners' Comments

- Commissioner Illig said HSF was projected to cost $200 million, with $100 million coming from employee spending requirements and patient fees. Is this estimate still correct? Dr. Katz said in round numbers it is still correct. Dr. Katz added that in the most recent calculations show that approximately $120 million is coming from DPH. Commissioner Illig asked if the employer fees come directly to DPH. Dr. Katz said employers can meet the employer spending requirement in various ways. If they chose to the City Option, they will send their check to the Health Plan.

5) EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

Commissioner Sanchez presented the Employee Recognition Awards for January.

Individual Award	Division	Nominated By
Josh Luria	SFGH	Kevin Sullivan
Mary Ellen Carroll	Office of Policy and Planning	Anne Kronenberg
Richard Lee	Environmental Health	Anne Kronenberg

Richard Lee commended his staff who responded with him: Environmental Health Emergency Responders - Henry Louie, Patrick Fosdahl, Les Lum; Water Quality Program - Lorraine Anderson and Sam Duque.

6) FY 2008-09 BUDGET PRESENTATION: STRUCTURAL, INFLATIONARY, REGULATORY, REVENUE AND BUDGET-NEUTRAL INITIATIVES

Gregg Sass, Chief Financial Officer, presented the budget update. This first budget report describes structural, regulatory and inflationary issues that must be addressed as unavoidable costs of doing business, together with the increases to revenues that serve to offset these expenses. In future meetings staff will bring proposed reduction initiatives, information on lost grants, any new funding requests and the budget for Healthy San Francisco.

Mr. Sass said the Mayor's Budget Office is projecting a $229 million citywide general fund shortfall for FY 2008-2009. The Mayor's Budget Instructions are that General Fund departments submit budget that reduce their general fund subsidy by 8%. The reduction target for DPH is $28.1 million. Further, departments are to submit contingency savings of 5%, a $10.5 million reduction for the Department.

Mr. Sass said that based on the first quarter financial projections, DPH will enter the FY08-09 budget process with a $15 million deficit comprised of a $25 million overexpenditure offset by $10 million in surplus revenue. Overspending is largely comprised of unfunded structural costs that carry forward into the budget year. For the first time in many years DPH is not projecting a revenue surplus that exceeds its structural deficits and returns a net surplus to the general fund.

- Increased Revenues - $6.1 million
- Revenue Neutral Programs – ($2,516)
- Regulatory Issues - $3,198,550
- Inflationary Increases - $10,0085,499
- Structural Issues - $14,019,320

The total impact of Revenue, Revenue Neutral, Regulatory, Inflationary and Structural issues is $20.4 million.

Mr. Sass described DPH's action plan to reduce the cost of long term placements, which is one of the structural budget issues. The total projected deficit in community placements is $7.3 million. The plan includes eliminating high cost beds, reducing the number of patches, hiring additional intensive case managers and moving 20 geriatric clients into new HUH facility opening in FY08-09.

Mr. Sass said they are planning to close the Workers Compensation Clinic and project that this will reduce costs for FY08-09 by $736, 453.

Combined with the General Fund reduction target given by the Mayor's Office, the total General Fund reduction that is needed is $48.5 million. Staff will continue to refine the inflationary, regulatory and structural issues to minimize additional costs. They will identify cost reductions through reprogramming of services, or reductions in administrative and service costs to deliver General Fund savings, then return with a full budget presentation to the Health Commission.

Commissioner Sanchez said people could provide public testimony regarding the closure of the Workers Compensation Clinic under this item, as the closure was part of the budget presentation.

Public Comment

- Ed Warshauer, SEIU 1021, said any DPH employee should be able to speak their opinion about the budget process. SEIU feels that their workers are at risk everyday and they object strongly that taking care of the caregivers is outside of the DPH mission. With regard to Workers Compensation Clinic, the Board of Supervisors have restored this service for the past three years. This is a cut that is being scheduled to take effect March 15th, outside of the budget process. The Board of Supervisors is holding a hearing and he urged the Commission to table this decision until the Board has held its hearing.

- Bruce Allison, Poor Magazine, said DPH should fine hospitals that are closing units.

- Debbi Lerman, San Francisco Human Services Network, said this is going to be a very bad budget year. We cannot afford these cuts and we must work together to save these services. She appreciates the department's inclusion of a two percent cost of doing business in its first budget presentation. Two percent is not enough but at least it is there. Flat funding is a service cut.

- Robert Haaland, SEIU 1021, said every single City and County employee is impacted by the closure of the Workers Compensation Clinic. The Labor Council is opposed to this cut and will testify against it at the Board of Supervisors hearing. It is unprecedented to see a Board of Supervisors addback cut mid-year.

- Annette Jagers, Workers Compensation Clinic, said that the clinic saves the city money that can be used by DPH to fund other services. If the clinic is cut this will cost DPH money. The goal is to get workers back to work.

- Mo Kashmiri, SEIU 1021, said employees have received subtle threats not to speak out against the proposal. The Workers Comp. clinic is the second busiest clinic at the hospital. Closing it will cost the city money. Private clinics have no incentive to get people back to work. Postpone the decision until after the Board of Supervisors hearing on January 30.

- Brad Cleveland, SEIU 1021, wonders why the Workers Compensation Clinic is not getting fully reimbursed for its cost and said DPH should look at increasing fees to fully cover costs and market the clinic to other employers in San Francisco.

- Michael Lyon is appalled to hear that there is anything being considered that would jeopardize the needle stick program. Don't do anything to put this program in danger.

Commissioner Sanchez asked that Item 7 be called so that commissioners could comment on both the overall budget presentation and the clinic closure.

Commissioners' Comments

- Commissioner Sako asked if they took into consideration that if the ER patient load increases the number of charity care patients will increase also. Mr. Sass said yes, this was taken into account.

- Commissioner Illig appreciates the budget principles being incorporated into the presentation. He is also pleased to see that the first priority of the Integration Steering

Committee is to place patients first. The Mayor has already started this process by freezing 203 positions as of July 1st. What are these positions? Mr. Sass said a large number are reclassifications, some grant funded, some of which were generic nursing positions at SFGH and LHH. Mr. Sass said that they reviewed the list, identified the positions where a hire was in process and resubmitted this list to the Mayor's Office. As a result 84 of 203 have been reinstated. Dr. Katz said they will look closely at these vacant positions. Commissioner Illig would like to see the hiring of the IMP Health Analyst as a Revenue Neutral Initiative. He asked if increase collections in the outpatient area would this influence Healthy San Francisco. Dr. Katz said this initiative focuses on collection of MediCal and Medicare. Commissioner Illig asked if the rules around Pharmacy have changed to necessitate additional pharmacy staff. Mr. Sass said that 10 FTE were added last year, but more were needed. Ms. O'Connell said in addition rules have changed. Commissioner Illig said the COLA for CBOs and UCSF doctors is 2%, but the COLA for UCSF is 5% and this is unacceptable to him. The increase for Conard House is outrageous and perhaps we should look at an alternative. Commissioner Illig said that the Health Commission approved a policy to reduce non-essential services even if those services were restored in previous budgets. The Workers Compensation Clinic is not an essential service.

- Commissioner Sanchez said there are different visions of the Workers Compensation Clinic, which is a unique service. The clinic was established because of the concern across the city about the increase of workers compensation claims. Things have changed and a lot of the programs available to our city workers are provided by other entities such as Kaiser and Blue Cross. He is concerned about proceeding on this as an action item this evening because Commissioner Chow is not here to provide his input and the new Health Commissioners have heard this proposal for the first time. He asked if there is a need to immediately approve the closure and, if not, perhaps continue action to a future Health Commission meeting.

- Commissioner Illig said that the Health Commission has approved the closure of the Workers Compensation Clinic for the past three years, this is not an essential service, and the Commission should move forward with this item. Dr. Katz said that proposal does not impact the needle stick program. Further, anyone who is a city employee gets to designate, if they wish, a workers comp. provider so not every city worker chooses DPH. Reimbursement rates are set by the State so we cannot increase fees. DPH does not make money by seeing other people—we lose money on each encounter. So serving more people would result in losing more money. With regard to process, usually cuts are effective September 1. Part of why this is on the list now is that by closing it on March 15th we get a great deal more savings, which means fewer cuts to clients who do not have another choice. The negative of a mid-year cut is that it is not being made in the context of other budget reductions. The Mayor is going forward with mid-year cuts across the city.

- Commissioner Sanchez asked what the impact would be of a two week delay. This is the first projected cut of the budget process and we have a brand new commission. He would like all members to feel comfortable moving forward. Dr. Katz said the notice has been made to close the clinic on March 15th and the Health Commission can vote either next week or the week after, without changing the implementation date.

- Commissioner Sako asked if there is anything substantive in the resolution that would be different if Commissioner Chow were at the meeting. Commissioner Sanchez cannot

answer specifically, but things can change, he wants to move forward with as much information as possible. .

- Commissioner Illig said he agrees to continue this decision to the next Commission meeting. His feeling is that when this proposal is considered in the context of the other $48 million in budget cuts, it will be an obvious choice.

7) APPROVAL OF THE CLOSURE OF THE SFGH WORKERS COMPENSATION CLINIC

Action Taken: The Commission (Illig, Sako, Sanchez, Tierney, Waters) continued action on this item to the January 29, 2008 Health Commission meeting.

8) PUBLIC COMMENT

Patrick Monette-Shaw (150-word summary) -Section 67.1 of San Francisco's Sunshine Ordinance states "Government's duty is to serve the public, reaching its decisions in full view of the public," "The people do not cede … the right to decide what the people should know about the operations of local government," and "Public officials who attempt to conduct the public's business in secret should be held accountable for their actions." The plan to prematurely close Clarendon Hall was rushed into implementation without discussion by this Commission in public view. You now propose to discuss the *Chambers* settlement in secret closed session, again depriving the public of rights to oversee our government. If the Commission held an open meeting regarding closure of St. Francis' 34 skilled nursing beds, it has an ethical obligation to discuss eliminating 420 of Laguna Honda's beds and eliminating LHH's long-term care mission in full public view, not hiding secretly behind closed doors.

9) OTHER BUSINESS

None.

10) COMMISSIONER REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

11) CLOSED SESSION

Secretary's Note – This item was heard after Item 12.

A) Public Comments on All Matters Pertaining to the Closed Session

None.

B) Vote on Whether to Hold a Closed Session (San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.11)

Action Taken: The Commission voted to go into Closed Session (Illig, Sako, Sanchez, Tierney, Watson)

The Commission went into closed session at 6:28 p.m. Present in closed session is Commissioner Illig, Commissioner Sako, Commissioner Sanchez, Commissioner Tierney, Commissioner Watson, Mitchell H. Katz, M.D., Health Director, Troy Williams, SFGH Director of Risk Management, Kathy Murphy, Deputy City Attorney and Michele Seaton, Health Commission Executive Secretary.

C) Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 and San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.10(d)

APPROVAL OF A SETTLEMENT IN LYDIA JONES V. CCSF, SF SUPERIOR COURT NO. 457229, IN THE AMOUNT OF $65,000

D) Reconvene in Open Session

The Commission convened in open session at 6:34 p.m.

1. Possible Report on Action Taken in Closed Session (Government Code Section 54957.1(a)2 and San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(b)(2).)

2. Vote to Elect Whether to Disclose Any or All Discussions Held in Closed Session. (San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(a).)

Action Taken: The Commission (Illig, Sako, Sanchez, Tierney, Watson) approved a settlement in Jones v. City and County of San Francisco, Superior Court No. 457229, in the amount of $65,000.

Action Taken: The Commission (Illig, Sako, Sanchez, Tierney, Watson) voted not to disclose discussions held in closed session.

12) CLOSED SESSION

A) Public Comments on All Matters Pertaining to the Closed Session

Mara Kopp said there will be significant shortage of SNF beds in San Francisco, the voters approved 1200 beds at Laguna Honda Hospital in 1999, and the proposed settlement goes against what the voters approved. Please look at the entire settlement, have it costed out, and do not take away resources the voters voted on. (Ms. Kopp submitted a written copy of her testimony, on file in the Health Commission Office.)

Michael Lyon, San Francisco Gray Panthers, urged the Commission not to accept the settlement. Many San Francisco elderly need skilled nursing beds. San Francisco's elderly population will drastically increase and they must advocate for all kinds of long-term care. A certain percentage of elderly and disabled people need skilled nursing beds. (Mr. Lyon submitted a written copy of his testimony, on file in the Health Commission Office.)

George Wooding, Midtown Terrace Homeowners Association and West of Twin Peaks Council, said it is troubling that DPH is allowing a lawsuit to determine policy. By accepting the language in the settlement the City will break the public trust by going against Proposition A. There has been no public discussion about how this settlement will impact Laguna Honda Hospital. (Mr. Wooding submitted a written copy of his testimony, on file in the Health Commission Office.)

Patrick Monette-Shaw (150 words summary) -Major policy changes regarding Laguna Honda Hospital will be affected by the proposed *Chambers* settlement this Health Commission should discuss in open view of the public, not in a closed-door session. It is not as if details of the proposed settlement still involve privileged attorney-client discussions between you and a City Attorney; the proposed settlement details are available on the Internet and widely known. The *Chambers* settlement proposes changing major City policy regarding LHH's operations, its size, its long-term care mission, and ultimately, the patient population who will be served, among other significant changes. I'm hopeful one of you Commissioners has the ethical courage to introduce a motion not to go into closed session. If you do, then motion to disclose all actions taken in closed session when you reconvene. At minimum, this Commission should reject entirely the provisions of the *Chambers* Section X, Laguna Honda Hospital, on page 24.

Sheri Matza (submitted via e-mail) - Because major policy changes regarding Laguna Honda Hospital (LHH) affecting thousands of San Franciscans will occur if the proposed *Chambers* settlement is approved, this item should NOT be heard in closed session. Furthermore, the detrimental effects of the proposed *Chambers* settlement are severe, as they will limit the number of long-term skilled nursing beds in a City that already has a dire shortage (to which this Health Commission has publicly admitted), as well as limit the types of care that may be provided at LHH. I ask that you reject the proposed *Chambers* Settlement, and if you cannot do so in its entirety, then at least reject Section X, Laguna Honda Hospital, on page 24.

Howard Chabner (submitted via e-mail) - The agreement would limit the number of skilled nursing beds and eliminate long-term care at Laguna Honda (LHH). (In both cases, presumably, forever.) This would make a shortage of skilled nursing beds in San Francisco even worse. Many frail seniors are already forced to leave San Francisco because of this shortage. Eliminating long-term care at LHH ignores the fact that some people are cognitively and medically incapable of living independently. Where will they go? Who will take care of them? People who can't live independently in their own housing are likely to end up in board-and-cares, which can't match LHH in quality of life, safety, availability and quality of medical care, quality of staff, activities, open space, amenities and many other things. *Olmstead* is about choice, not about having options limited. The settlement would eliminate choice. I urge you to disapprove the proposed settlement.

B) Vote on Whether to Hold a Closed Session (San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.11)

Action Taken: The Commission voted to go into Closed Session (Illig, Sako, Sanchez, Watson, Aye; Tierney Opposed)

The Commission went into closed session at 5:55 p.m. Present in closed session is Commissioner Illig, Commissioner Sako, Commissioner Sanchez, Commissioner Tierney, Commissioner Watson, Mitchell H. Katz, M.D., Health Director, John Kanaley, LHH Executive Administrator, James Emery, Deputy City Attorney and Michele Seaton, Health Commission Executive Secretary.

C) Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 and San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.10(d)

APPROVAL OF A SETTLEMENT IN CHAMBERS ET AL. V. CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO, CASE NO. C06-06346.

D) Reconvene in Open Session

The Commission reconvened in open session at 6:25 p.m.

1. Possible Report on Action Taken in Closed Session (Government Code Section 54957.1(a)2 and San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(b)(2).)

2. Vote to Elect Whether to Disclose Any or All Discussions Held in Closed Session. (San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(a).) (Action Item)

Action Taken: The Commission (Illig, Sako, Sanchez, Tierney, Watson) approved the settlement of Chambers et al v. City and County of San Francisco, Case No. C06-06346.

Action Taken: The Commission (Illig, Sako, Sanchez, Tierney, Watson) voted not to disclose discussions held in closed session.

Commissioner Sanchez reaffirmed that this settlement does not prevent future build out of SNF beds at Laguna Honda Hospital and said adding short term care to Laguna Honda Hospital's mission is no different from what the facility currently provides.

14) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Michele M. Seaton

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Executive Secretary to the Health Commission

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AGENDA

HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, January 29, 2008*
At
3:00 p.m.
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The Budget Committee of the Commission will consider the consent calendar on this agenda at 2:00 p.m. at 101 Grove. The Budget Committee Consent Calendar consists of two sections. The first section is for items that will be considered for approval. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the Budget Committee so requests. The second section consists of items that will be for discussion and approval.

Consent Calendar items that have been recommended for approval by the Budget Committee will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Health Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the Health Commission so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered as a separate item.

PUBLIC COMMENTS WILL BE TAKEN FOR EACH AGENDA ITEM.

1) CALL TO ORDER

2) PROPOSED ACTION: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF JANUARY 22, 2008
**Minutes of the meeting of January 22, 2008*

3) **PROPOSED ACTION:** **APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE**
(Commissioner David J. Sanchez, Jr., Ph.D.)

For Approval

(3.1) **AIDS OFFICE-HIV Epidemiology** – Approval to accept and expend retroactively a new multi-year grant to the Department of Public Health from the Centers for Disease Control, in the amount of $1,254,675 ($418,225 per year) for the period of January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2010, and to request the approval of a retroactive multi-year contract (3 years) with Public Health Foundation Enterprises, Inc. (PHFE) in the amount of $143,901 plus $17,268 (12% contingency as requested by Health Commission) to total $161,169 for the period of January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2010.
** Grant summary, Grant information form*

(3.2) **DPH-Central Admin** – Request for approval of a resolution authorizing the Public Health Department to accept a gift of a Data Center and an Electronic Medication Administration Record System for the San Francisco General Hospital from the San Francisco General Hospital Foundation.
** Resolution request, Resolution*

(3.3) **DPH-Central Admin** – Request for approval of a resolution authorizing the Department of Public Health to retroactively accept a gift from the San Francisco General Hospital Foundation with a monetary value of $104,538 to back-fill staff attending training designed to decrease the risk of cardiovascular events (heart attacks and strokes), for the time period of January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2010.
** Resolution request, Resolution*

(3.4) **AIDS OFFICE-HIV Health Services** – Request for approval of a retroactive renewal contract with Patricia Sullivan Consulting, in the amount of $825,506, which includes a 12% contingency, to provide professional consultation services to support the Community of Color Community Based Organizations Capacity Building Project, for the period of September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2008 (1 yr).
** Contract summary, Contract evaluation form and letter, Client demographic information form*

For Discussion and Approval

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** Contract summary, Monitoring report summaries and findings, Vendor response, Client demographic information form*

4) **FOR ACTION:** **ELECTION OF HEALTH COMMISSION PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT FOR 2008**

5) **FOR DISCUSSION:** **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
(Mitchell H. Katz, M.D., Director of Health)
(Report on activities and operations of the Department)
**Director's Report*

6) **FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:** **CHARITY CARE REPORT AND CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION**
(Alicia Neumann, Senior Health Planner, Office of Policy and Planning)
**Report, Resolution*

7) **FOR DISCUSSION:** **STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE REPORT**
(Jim Soos, Deputy Director, Office of Policy and Planning)
**Report*

8) **FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:** **APPROVAL OF THE CLOSURE OF THE SFGH WORKERS COMPENSATION CLINIC**
(Gregg Sass, Chief Financial Officer)
**Resolution*

9) **PUBLIC COMMENT** **

10) **OTHER BUSINESS*****

11) **COMMISSIONER REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

12) **CLOSED SESSION**

A) Public comments on all matters pertaining to the closed session

B) Vote on whether to hold a closed session

C) Closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 and San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.10(b)

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS:

MITCHELL H. KATZ, M.D, DIRECTOR OF HEALTH

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO THE HEALTH COMMISSION, MICHELE M. SEATON

D) Reconvene in Open Session

1) Possible Report on Action Taken in Closed Session (Government Code Section 54957.1(a)2 and San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(b)(2).)

2) Vote to Elect Whether to Disclose Any or All Discussions Held in Closed Session (San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(a).) (Action Item)

13) ADJOURNMENT

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1) CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m.

Present: Commissioner James M. Illig, President
Commissioner Sonia E. Melara, MSW, Vice President
Commissioner Edward A. Chow, M.D.
Commissioner Margine A. Sako
Commissioner David J. Sanchez, Jr., Ph.D.
Commissioner Steven Tierney, Ed.D.
Commissioner Catherine M. Waters, R.N., Ph.D.

2) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF JANUARY 22, 2008

Action Taken: The Commission approved the minutes of the January 22, 2008 Health Commission meeting with corrections. On pages 15 through 18, Commissioner Waters name was correctly noted. On page 6 the minutes were changed to reflect that Commissioner Waters abstained from voting on Item 3.11 and Item 3.12.

3) APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

Commissioner Chow chaired and Commissioner Sanchez attended the Budget Committee meeting.

For Approval

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Commissioners' Comments

- Commissioner Chow said it is clear that the agency has been unable to meet objectives. Westside is a valuable agency. What went wrong and how can the agency be turned around? Abner Boles, Westside Executive Director, said there were two primary problems: hiring and recruiting staff and a service design that did not seem to fit what the target population needed or wanted. Bill Blum, HIV Health Services, said that this contract will not continue this year. Staff is examining how mental health services will be configured and provided under the Center of Excellence. Barbara Garcia added that this contractor is now being reviewed by the Contract Oversight Committee. They are developing a major corrective action plan that applies to the entire agency. Ms. Garcia will bring this work to the CHN Joint Conference Committee.

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Jimmy Loyce, Executive Director of Black Coalition on AIDS (BCA) introduced BCA board president Judy Young and board member Charles Huff, as well as members of his team. He said that BCA has worked very hard to correct the documentation problems. They believe they have already made changes necessary to document the work they do on behalf of the community and they are working very closely with the department to address the issues identified in the corrective action plan. The issue is not delivery of services. Ms. Young, Board President, said that the Board is pleased with the quality of service that BCA provides to the community. They have increased the number of clients and the number of services. The Board remains very engaged with the executive director and is committed to this endeavor.

Commissioners' Comments

- Commissioner Sanchez said the Department needs data in order to document that dollars are being allocated effectively and having an impact on clients. He asked Barbara Garcia to discuss the new baseline the Department is expecting from all of its agency partners. Ms. Garcia said that the integration of the AIDS Office into Community Programs give us the opportunity to look at all the funding sources that BCA gets from DPH. She will be developing a comprehensive corrective action plan to support their organization, and will work very closely with the executive director on plan and negotiate timelines. They will be using this tool to assist all organizations in the Department.

- Commissioner Chow clarified that the issues are around documentation and not delivery of services. Dr. Colfax said this is correct; the Department is satisfied that BCA is delivering the units of service. Mr. Loyce described the steps the agency will take to make sure documentation meets DPH standards. Ms. Garcia said that the fact that Mr. Loyce is a new director will be taken into consideration in terms of timelines, and there is no doubt about his commitment to making these changes. Commissioner Chow said BCA is a very important organization that allows DPH to deliver services to a vulnerable population. He asked that an update be given to the CHN JCC in 90 days.

4) ELECTION OF HEALTH COMMISSION PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT FOR 2008

Commissioner Tierney nominated Commissioner Illig for President of the Health Commission.

Action Taken: The Commission unanimously approved Commissioner Illig as Health Commission President for 2008.

Commissioner Illig thanked his colleagues on the Commission. He is interested in making sure the four new commissioners feel welcome, understand the roles and responsibilities and as we move forward in reviewing the Commission's policies and procedures. This is the biggest department in the city, there are looming budget cuts, and he looks forward to facilitating the Commission as it embarks upon the year ahead.

Commissioner Illig nominated Sonia Melara as Health Commission Vice President.

Action Taken: The Commission unanimously approved Sonia Melara as Health Commission Vice President for 2008.

5) DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mitchell H. Katz, M.D., Director of Health, presented the Director's Report.

Health Care Security and Cost Reduction Act (AB X 1 1)
Yesterday, the Senate Health and Human Services Committee failed to pass the Health Care Security and Cost Reduction Act (ABX1 -1; Assembly Member Nunez). The goal of ABX1 1 was to ensure that every Californian has access to health coverage. The bill received only one yes vote. Seven Senators voted in opposition and three abstained. While many Senators indicated their support for components of the legislation, major reasons cited for not supporting the legislation were: (1) fiscal uncertainty given the State budget deficit and the recently released Legislative Analyst's Office report on the bill's financing, (2) concern over the individual mandate, and (3) insufficient employer contributions. Neither the author (Assembly Speaker Nunez) nor the Governor indicated next steps. The Department will keep the Health Commission apprised of any key developments with respect to health care reform on the State level. This item will be discussed further today in the Legislative Report by the Office of Policy & Planning.

MRSA
On Jan 14th and 20th the *San Francisco Chronicle* ran front page stories about Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus.* The first story described a recent UCSF/SFGH study published in *Annals of Internal Medicine* comparing data from four studies and noting a multi-drug resistant (MDR) MRSA strain with a high incidence in the Castro district ZIP code, and a higher risk among gay/MSM seen at the HIV clinic at SFGH compared to non-gay/MSM patients with MRSA there. It should be noted that while the study identified a high incidence among MSM, MRSA is present in the general population and is not necessarily associated with sexual transmission. Although the strain USA300 is multiply resistant, it is also sensitive to an old antibiotic (Septra) and often resolves with simple drainage. There was an unfortunate reference to MRSA as a "new gay disease," and the graphics that accompanied the article raised unnecessary concern. Neither the research nor the Department of Public Health supports this premise. In response to the growing awareness and incidence of MRSA, the Department is participating in a Community Forum tomorrow, Wednesday, January 30 at the LGBT Center from 7-9 p.m. Clinicians from DPH and UCSF will discuss the latest research on MRSA and provide those in attendance with information on how the disease is spread and how to prevent transmission and recognize the early symptoms.

Divisions within DPH have collaborated to update our MRSA-related webpages. The Department also disseminated a Health Advisory to San Francisco clinicians on Jan 22. I am providing some of the direct links to these sites. http://www.sfcdcp.org/index.cfm?id=100
http://www.sfcdcp.org/index.cfm?id=57
http://dphwww.sfdph.org/sfcityclinic/providers/default.asp#MRSA

Questions or issues about MRSA can be referred to our Communicable Disease Control Unit at 554-2830. STD Section has also spearheaded the creation of an MSM-related MRSA work group with DPH, UCSF, and community representatives. Supervisor Dufty has called for hearings which have been scheduled for February 6.

Healthy San Francisco Continues to Draw National Attention
Since its inception, Healthy San Francisco has drawn attention from hundreds of individuals throughout the US, hoping to use the model or one like it, to provide healthcare access to uninsured people. We are proud of the attention that Healthy San Francisco has garnered and continue to share our knowledge and experience as widely as possible as it relates to establishing this creative program. Dr. Katz attached to his report a copy of this week's *New England Journal of Medicine* that also published an article about Healthy San Francisco.

Kaiser Specialty Care Initiative Proposal
Dr. Katz announced that our San Francisco Healthcare Safety Net Coalition proposal for the "Development of Better Specialist-Primary Care Provider Co-Management Strategies Using an Electronic Referral System (eReferral)," has been selected for funding by the Kaiser Permanente Foundation. The process involved highly competitive proposals from many applications from around the state. The success of this proposal is largely a result of a cohesive and outstanding team paired with an innovative proposal. The end result of the eReferral system, as stated in our proposal, will "enhance the efficacy and efficiency of specialty medical care by harnessing information technologies to transform the specialist-primary care provider relationship."

Town Hall Meeting and Film Screening of "Unnatural Causes: Is Inequality Making us Sick?" The Department of Public Health is holding a Town Hall Meeting on Land Use and Health titled "Building an Inclusive San Francisco: Actions for Health and Equity though Land Use Decision Making," tomorrow at 4 p.m. at the San Francisco Public Library Main Branch, Koret Auditorium. The event includes the San Francisco premiere screening of "Unnatural Causes: Is Inequality Making us Sick?" a new documentary by California Newsreel. The screening is augmented by a panel discussion with public officials, city agencies, community organizations and developers followed by public dialogue. Co-sponsoring organizations are offering a networking reception with outreach materials after the panel discussion. The event is free, wheelchair accessible and open to the public. Former Commissioner Roma Guy was involved in the planning and development of the meeting and hopes you can join her at this exciting event.

WE CAN!
Chinatown Public Health Center (CPHC) is kicking off WE CAN!, a national intervention educational program designed for parents and caregivers to help children ages 8-13 stay at a healthy weight. WE CAN! stands for "Ways to Enhance Children's Activity & Nutrition." The 12 week program, which began January 25th, was piloted at 14 national sites in diverse healthcare agencies and community settings. It has already been piloted in communities of color involving African American and Latino families. Chinatown Public Health Center is planning to take up the challenge by implementing a bilingual (English & Cantonese) and culturally adapted WE CAN! program to meet the needs of these families with weight concerns.

Association of California Nurse Leaders 2007 Excellence in Leadership Award
Sue Currin, RN, SFGH Chief Nursing Officer has been selected to receive an award from the Association of California Nurse Leaders for excellence in nursing leadership and advancement of clinical practice. Ms. Currin was nominated by her ACNL colleagues who recognized the many

contributions and advancements she has made to the nursing profession. She will receive the award during an awards luncheon at the 30th Annual ACNL Conference, *Win, Place or Show: Leadership on Track*, on February 13.

SFGH Grants and Awards
SFGH received a grant of $50,000 from the Richard & Rhoda Goldman Foundation in support of hiring a new bilingual Options Counselor at the Women's Options Center.

Death of Samuel Hughes, MD
Sam Hughes, MD, passed away on Saturday, January 19. Dr. Hughes worked at SFGH for almost 30 years and was a recognized world leader in the field of obstetrical anesthesia. During the course of his career, he provided compassionate care to countless underserved patients undergoing surgery at SFGH and acted as a voice of reason in the early days of the AIDS crisis when hysteria threatened the ability of at-risk populations to receive surgical treatment. During his long and distinguished career, Dr. Hughes was a prolific writer whose works appeared in textbooks, scientific journals and other professional publications. He supervised thirty fellows and trained hundreds of residents in Anesthesia and Obstetrics. He will be honored posthumously with a Distinguished Service Award at this year's annual Society for Obstetrical Anesthesia and Perinatology conference.

Commissioners' Comments

- Commissioner Tierney said the press coverage of MRSA was outrageously homophobic. The AIDS Office and STD Branch came together in a wonderful way, held three community meetings and developed an advisory to physicians and an advisory to the community.

6) CHARITY CARE REPORT AND CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION

Alicia Neumann, Senior Health Planner, Office of Policy and Planning, presented the Fiscal Year 2006 Charity Care Report. Anne Kronenberg, Deputy Director of Health, provided the Commission with background to the report and the goals of the Charity Care Project. This is the sixth annual report designed to meet the requirements of the Board of Supervisors Charity Care Ordinance. Five hospitals are subject to the Charity Care Ordinance—St. Francis, St. Mary's, Chinese, St. Luke's and CPMC. Three hospitals—Kaiser Permanente, San Francisco General Hospital, UCSF—participate voluntarily. All actively participate in the Charity Care Project.

In addition to charity care, community hospitals provide a variety of other community services designed to improve the health status of the entire community. The definitions of these activities are not clearly defined. The report provides an estimated value of hospital community benefits for all hospitals.

Recommendations for 2007-2008

- The Charity Care Project and its hospital members should pursue support for Healthy San Francisco in the following ways: 1) Nonprofit hospitals will implement access to the web-based eligibility and enrollment system for Health San Francisco; 2) Nonprofit hospitals will continue to provide charity care to HSF participants with emergency health care needs; 3) A new voluntary reporting category identified at "Healthy San Francisco Charity Care" will be added to the annual San Francisco Charity Care Report Summary; 4) A new voluntary reporting category identified as "Healthy San Francisco Community Benefits" will be added to the annual San Francisco Hospital Charity Care Report Summary.

- The Charity Care Project should continue to meet and expand its conversation and efforts to increase and improve the provision of charity care and other community benefits to populations with disproportionate unmet health care needs.
- The Charity Care Project should continue to standardize, analyze and apply reported data on charity care and other community benefits, collaborating with Building a Healthy San Francisco, and promoting institutional reforms and community benefits standards recommended by the Public Health Institute.

Public Comment

- Dick Hodgson, San Francisco Community Clinic Consortium, said the Community Benefits piece is very important to the support of their clinics.

- Wanda Roane, on behalf of Dr. Martin Brotman, read a letter from Dr. Brotman in relation to California Pacific Medical Center and St. Luke's Hospital (on file in the Health Commission Office.)

- Tom Bolger, Chinese Hospital, offered clarifying information to the report. The Chinese Hospital, Chinese Medical Association and the Chinese Community Health Plan exist primarily to delivery quality, accessible care. The health plan provides low-cost health insurance to low income people and this particular community benefit does not fit into the Charity Care report.

- Stuart Fong, Chinese Hospital, said Chinese Hospital is involved in the San Francisco Hep B campaign, which is part of its community benefits program.

- Heath Madom, SEIU, said great progress has been made in terms of providing charity care and community benefits in San Francisco but this report underscores the need for CMPC to do more in terms of charity care.

- Abbie Yant, St. Francis Memorial Hospital, said the workgroup process has continued to evolve over the years. What they are looking for as they roll out Healthy San Francisco is less not more charity care. They are looking forward to the Charity Care Work Group joining with Building a Healthy San Francisco.

- Ron Smith, Hospital Council, said the hospitals in San Francisco want to work with the Health Department and Health Commission to improve health in San Francisco. He noted a number of partnerships.

- Barry Lawlor, St. Mary's Medical Center, said St. Mary Phillipa Health Center is the core of St. Mary's community benefits program. In 2007 there were 31,943 visits at the clinic, which was a 14% increase over the previous year. They are eager to address participation in Healthy San Francisco as a community based clinic.

- Lara Sallee, Kaiser Permanente, is pleased that more and more community benefit work has been included in the charity care report. She highlighted Kaiser's Safety Net Initiative.

Commissioners' Comments

- Commissioner Sako acknowledged the Charity Care Project for its hard work. The scope of this report is beyond what is mandated by legislation and is becoming the place where we

can compare the health care that hospitals are providing. Commissioner Sako noted that the San Francisco Community Clinics Consortium data is not part of the report and asked if this data is available and could be included as an addendum. Ms. Neumann said the SFCCC does report to OSHPD so this information can be added as an addendum to the report. Commissioner Sako said St. Mary's raises funds from donors that are strictly restricted for charity care, and this is not captured in the report.

- Commissioner Tierney asked if there is a way to determine the number of charity care ED visits attributed to substance abuse. Ms. Neumann said they have not been collecting diagnostic data on the patients. Ms. Yant said the assessment committee is looking at disease states. Ms. Neumann said they can look at linking this to the Charity Care Report.

- Commissioner Melara asked if any thought has been given to a public information campaign to publicize that health care is available at hospitals. Ms. Neumann said the ordinance requires patient notification on site at the hospital, but to her knowledge there has not been massive advertising on the part of hospitals that charity care is available. Mr. Lawlor said that many of the hospitals participate in health fairs and disseminate information about charity care services. Mr. Smith added that they advertise in the Bayview Newspaper and the Sun Reporter about how to access health at all the hospitals. Shirley Lampkin from CPMC said they will be hiring a patient navigator to help navigate individuals living in their zip code back to CPMC.

- Commissioner Tierney asked hospitals to describe how they ensure equal care for charity care clients. Barry Lawlor said at the Sister Mary Phillipa the provider is blind to the insurance status information, so there is no difference in terms of patient experience. Ron Smith said through the African American Health Disparities Initiative hospitals eagerly participate in a day-long training session on this topic, and a steering committee meets monthly to discuss opportunities for improvement.

- Commissioner Chow is concerned that while we have a plethora of examples of community services, some of the data can be misused, as demonstrated by the San Francisco Chronicle article. Many of the community benefits programs described in the report are meeting county needs. It might be useful to quantify all the services that are provided as well as savings to the county. He is also interested in how hospitals' participation in Healthy San Francisco will be recognized in future reports. Commissioner Chow said 90% of Chinese Hospital patients have Medicare, Medi-Cal or subsidized health insurance.

- Commissioner Sanchez said a lot of concern was generated when this legislation was first adopted. Just six years later we have a fairly comprehensive database of programs and services and are having conversations about how to further make a difference in the quality and level of care in San Francisco.

- Commissioner Illig noted the significant contribution of St. Mary's Hospital, St. Francis Hospital and St. Luke's Hospital. Commissioner Illig asked if State law defines community benefits. Ms. Neumann said State law requires that hospitals self report but does not standardize how they self report. The Public Health Institute has developed standards and all hospitals in San Francisco report based on these standards. Commissioner Illig asked if the issue raised by Commissioner Sako is being examined. Ms. Yant said this is an outstanding issue. Commissioner Illig said it would be helpful to outline what the Public Health Institute standards are in future reports. Ms. Neumann said one of the limitations is

that the report only looks at what the hospitals are spending, not what they are raising. Commissioner Illig said they should look at acknowledging those individual physicians who serve charity care patients. Commissioner Illig asked why the report specifically says, in regard to the Healthy San Francisco recommendation, that the recommendation does not propose to reimburse for services provided by hospitals to Healthy San Francisco participants. Ms. Neumann said the agreement is that the hospitals will continue to provide charity care to people who are part of Healthy San Francisco, but the health plan would not reimburse the hospitals for this charity care. Dr. Katz said that we want hospitals to take credit for charity care. If we start to pay for this care, it would not be charity care. Clinics that chose to be primary care homes will be reimbursed.

Follow up

- In future Charity Care Reports, include the following information:
  - Add the data that the San Francisco Community Clinic Consortium submits to OSHPD as an addendum to future Charity Care Report.
  - Consider linking diagnostic data to patient visits
  - Quantify all the services that are provided as well as savings to the county
  - Outline the Public Health Institute standards for reporting community benefits
  - Consider how to acknowledge the charity care provided by individual physicians
- Send the Health Commission resolution to the Mayor and Board of Supervisors

Action Taken: The Commission approved Resolution 01-08, "Supporting Recommendations Contained in the Fiscal Year 2006 Charity Care Report," (Attachment A).

7) STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Jim Soos, Deputy Director, Office of Policy and Planning, presented the State and Federal Legislative Report. This report summarizes the Department's approach to legislative advocacy and the major legislative issues that impacted the Department in 2007. Mr. Soos described the Departments success in getting funding from State and Federal Sources as well as a number of bills that impact the Department.

Upcoming Issues at the Federal Level

- SCHIP battle to continue into November
- Administrative rule changes to Medicaid
- Climate Security Act and global warming
- Farm Bill in House-Senate Conference
- Health care coverage from Presidential candidates
- Ongoing Iraq war funding and operations
- Economic stimulus package

Upcoming Issues at the State Level

- Health Care reform
- Nutrition and obesity
- The built environment and land use planning
- Alcohol and drug treatment for minors
- A budget battle that will result in pain for real people

Public Comment

- Mo Kashmiri, SEIU, said SEIU has been very involved in the SCHIP fight. They will continue to work to pass SCHIP and get the extra funding and will be targeting legislators who voted against SCHIP. SEIU is still working to get AB X passed.

Commissioners' Comments

- Commissioner Illig asked if DPH is going to spend the federal Ryan White backfill this year or next fiscal year. Mr. Soos said the money was added to our current Federal fiscal year. Dr. Katz said that the Board said that if the City got the stop gap, the money reverts to the general fund.

- Commissioner Sako said that given that property tax will be reassessed and we have a billion dollar federal deficit, are we looking two or three years out about the impact. Mr. Soos has not looked at property tax reassessment but will do so.

8) APPROVAL OF THE CLOSURE OF THE SFGH WORKERS COMPENSATION CLINIC

Dr. Katz gave Commissioners a revised Project Change Request with corrections to the number of patients seen at the clinic. 2759 patients were seen in 06-07 with 9005 visits annually. Dr. Katz introduced Priscilla Morse from the Department of Human Services. He asked Ms. Morse to attend the meeting to answer questions about where the clinic clients will go when the clinic closes.

Public Comment

- Karen Bishop, SEIU Local 1021 member, spoke in support of keeping the Workers Compensation Clinic open.

- Annette Jagers, nurse case manager at the clinic, asked that the Health Commission keep the clinic open.

- Dr. John Hall, Medical Director of the clinic, asked the Health Commission to keep the clinic open.

- Dr. Sam Goldman, provider at the clinic, said that the greatest impact to the city's budget is to decrease lost time at work. They get workers back to work.

- Annette White, nurse case manager at the clinic, urged the Commission to keep the clinic open.

- Cheryl Kolsom said the clinic has been threatened with closure for the past three years and has been saved in all cases. The clinic provides exemplary service and should not close.

- Chandler White urged the Commission not to close the clinic. It provides great services with a short wait.

- Marjorie Melendez spoke against closing the clinic.

- Dr. Born said UCSF provides the only occupational training program in Northern California and provides services to SFGH. He asked the Commission not to close the clinic.

- Mo Kashmiri, SEIU, said if the clinic is closed there will be more employee injuries. Ultimately the closure will cost the city money. Do not close the clinic.

- Ed Warshauer, SEIU, asked the Health Commission to table this matter until after the Board of Supervisors hearing.

- Heath Madom, SEIU, urged the Commission not to close the clinic.

Commissioners' Comment

- Commissioner Melara asked if the other medical providers are all private providers. Priscilla Morse, Director of Workers Compensation for San Francisco, said they recently launched their Medical Providers Network, which includes a range of facilities and providers. They currently have five facilities in San Francisco and are looking to expand the panel if this clinic closes.

- Commissioner Chow asked if there are performance studies that compare various clinic outcomes in terms of getting people back to work. Ms. Morse said they have not done this in the past and do not have the technology to do this. DHR recently launched Project Emerge that will allow San Francisco to track lost time. This has been a very difficult endeavor. Commissioner Chow asked how many providers are in the network. Ms. Morse said employees must choose one of the clinics on the MPN. If they cannot be fully treated by the Occupational Health clinic they can be referred to a physician. The MPN clinics are St. Francis, CPMC, Kaiser Occupational Health, AT&T Clinic and the Airport Clinic, plus three clinics in other counties.

- Commissioner Sanchez said they must have some data about patient flow. For example, does SFGH Clinic see the highest number of patients of all the clinics? Ms. Morse said yes. Commissioner Sanchez asked if any other clinics do prevention work. Ms. Morse said she does not know but she can get this information.

- Commissioner Illig asked why this is not in DHR's budget. Dr. Katz said that at the time the clinic was set up the State rates were better. At the time the thought was that the clinic would result in some revenue and cross-subsidize some of the indigent work. However under the current fee schedule the clinic cannot make money. In terms of the Department's priorities, this is the easiest of many cuts yet to come. The data about long-term cost savings to the city does not exist now. Commissioner Illig emphasized that the Health Department is looking at $48 million in cuts coming down the pike and in this context this is a relatively easy cut.

- Commissioner Melara said the Health Commission is here to advise the city about where cuts should occur. She urged advocates to continue the dialogue with policymakers about moving this program under the City and County of San Francisco. Preventing injuries is the responsibility of every department in the City and County of San Francisco. We are here to make the least painful cuts.

- Commissioner Sanchez said this is the first of many cuts the Health Commission will be faced with. He wants to reinforce that this is a unique clinic with a unique residency program. Other programs, such as the oral surgery clinic, are also at risk. We need to work

together and discuss ways in which we can maintain the excellence of these programs. We need to establish a formal dialogue with the Dean, the Executive Administrator and others to find mechanisms to maintain and expand these services.

- Commissioner Chow said that several months ago the Health Commission adopted budget principles in recognition that the Department will be faced with severe budget cuts. The Commission's responsibility is to give direction about the cuts that have the least impact. Otherwise we will have to cut the money from other services.

Follow up

➢ Send a copy of the Health Commission resolution to the Mayor and Board of Supervisors.

Action Taken: The Commission approved Resolution 02-08, "Approving the Closure of the Workers Compensation Clinic at San Francisco General Hospital," (Attachment B).

9) PUBLIC COMMENT

Gerry Villero, SEIU 1021, commented on Laguna Honda Hospital's decision to rapidly downsize the hospital's census.

Juan DeAnda said some people have problems with the MHSA planning meetings because there are all on Wednesdays from 10-12. There must be alternative meeting times so people can attend. The Latino and Asian centers have been excluded, and all are being held at Edgewood. He also invited commissioners to a forum that is being held in South San Francisco.

10) OTHER BUSINESS

The Commission discussed having a special meeting to consider the policies and procedures of the Health Commission. The meeting will be on March 25, 2008, if all commissioners are available to meet. Commissioner Illig asked that a preliminary discussion of Commission structure be added to the next meeting agenda.

11) COMMISSIONER REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Chow reported that at the January 28, 2008 Laguna Honda Hospital Joint Conference Committee, John Kanaley reported that Clarendon Hall would close in July 2008, a year earlier than it was slated to close. Closing Clarendon Hall one year earlier allows all three buildings—the South, Link and East—to open simultaneously in 2009, resulting in a number of benefits, including a $5 to $6 million cost saving to the project and a $2.3 million annual reduction in the operating budget. In order to move into the new buildings the census must be reduced to 780 beds, and closing Clarendon Hall helps get to that target. To effectuate this, Laguna Honda Hospital has stopped taking new admissions except in the following areas: acute rehabilitation; hospice; and Positive Care. Mr. Kanaley said they will also be admitting emergency cased from Adult Protective Services.

12) CLOSED SESSION

A) Public comments on all matters pertaining to the closed session

None.

B) Vote on whether to hold a closed session

Action Taken: The Commission voted to hold a closed session. The Commission adjourned to Room 302.

The Commission went into closed session at 6:05. Present in closed session were Commissioner Illig, Commissioner Melara, Commissioner Chow, Commissioner Sako, Commissioner Sanchez, Commissioner Waters and Mitchell H. Katz, M.D.

C) Closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 and San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.10(b)

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS:

MITCHELL H. KATZ, M.D, DIRECTOR OF HEALTH

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO THE HEALTH COMMISSION, MICHELE M. SEATON

D) Reconvene in Open Session

The Commission reconvened in open session at 6:45 p.m.

1) Possible Report on Action Taken in Closed Session (Government Code Section 54957.1(a)2 and San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(b)(2).)

2) Vote to Elect Whether to Disclose Any or All Discussions Held in Closed Session (San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(a).)

Action Taken: The Commission voted not to disclose any items discussed in closed session.

13) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Michele M. Seaton

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Executive Secretary to the Health Commission

Attachments: (2)

HEALTH COMMISSION
City and County of San Francisco
Resolution No. 02-08

APPROVING THE CLOSURE OF THE WORKER'S COMPENSATION CLINIC AT SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL HOSPITAL

WHEREAS, the City and County of San Francisco is facing a $229 million City-Wide General Fund shortfall for FY 2008-09 and an additional deficit for FY 2009-10; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Budget Office requires Departments submit budgets that reduce their General Fund subsidy by 8% of the current General Fund support which may include to 3% in one-time savings; and

WHEREAS, the budget instructions also require Departments submit additional contingency savings of 5%; and

WHEREAS, the impact of the $14.5 billion shortfall in the State's budget is not known at this time and additional instructions from the Mayor's Budget Office may be issued; and

WHEREAS, the projected value of the 8% General Fund reduction on DPH is $28.1 million of which $10.5 million may be one-time savings; and the projected value of the 5% contingency plan is $16.16 million; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Budget Office has requested that Departments consider making mid-year cuts to help address the FY 2008-09 shortfall; and

WHEREAS, the Health Commission approved a set of budget principles that include a statement that "the Department shall first target budget cuts to programs and services that do not impact vulnerable populations"; and

WHEREAS, the Health Commission approved a set of budget principles that include a statement that "the Department may propose cuts to non-essential operations even if those reductions were restored in previous budgets"; and

WHEREAS, the Workers' Compensation Clinic at San Francisco General Hospital (Clinic) is designated by the Department of Human Resources Workers' Compensation Division as a medical provider for City and County employees who are obtaining medical care under Workers' Compensation Insurance; and

WHEREAS, the Clinic does not serve a vulnerable population; and

WHEREAS, alternative locations exist for City and County employees to receive medical care under Worker's Compensation Insurance; and

WHEREAS, closure of the Clinic does not result in any layoffs as there are vacant positions in the Department that can accommodate the Clinic's staff; and

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WHEREAS, the closure of the Clinic in FY 2007-08 will result in a General Fund savings of $736,453 in FY 2008-09 which will be applied towards the Department's 8% General Fund reduction target; and now, therefore; be it

RESOLVED, that the Health Commission approves closure of the Worker's Compensation Clinic at San Francisco General Hospital on March 15, 2008.

I hereby certify that the San Francisco Health Commission at its meeting of January 29, 2008 adopted the foregoing resolution.

Michele M. Seaton

Michele Seaton
Executive Secretary to the Health Commission

HEALTH COMMISSION
City and County of San Francisco
Resolution No. ____01-08__

SUPPORTING RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2006 CHARITY CARE REPORT

WHEREAS, in San Francisco, an estimated 73,000 people under the age of 65, or 10.9 percent of the non-elderly population, are uninsured; and,

WHEREAS, many of the uninsured rely on charity care services provided by hospitals to access needed primary and acute care services; and

WHEREAS, charity care is defined as the provision of health care services to those who cannot afford to pay and without expectation of reimbursement; and

WHEREAS, under California law, counties have an obligation to care for their most vulnerable residents; and

WHEREAS, in 2001, the Board of Supervisors passed Ordinance Number 163-01, the Charity Care Policy Reporting and Notice Requirement, (the Charity Care Ordinance), to enable the City to evaluate the need for charity care in the community and to plan for the continued fulfillment of its responsibility to provide care to indigents; and

WHEREAS, nonprofit hospitals provide charity care as part of their broader social obligation to provide community benefits in the public interest; and

WHEREAS, the Charity Care Ordinance requires hospitals to report to the Department of Public Health specific information related to the amount of charity care they provide and to notify patients of the hospital's charity care policies; and

WHEREAS, the charity care information provided by hospitals helps the San Francisco Health Commission evaluate the utilization of charity care services and health care needs of our City's low-income, uninsured and underinsured populations; and

WHEREAS, in 2003 the Health Commission recommended the formation of a charity care work group called the Charity Care Project which has met monthly for the last four years; and

WHEREAS, the Charity Care Project, which consists of San Francisco hospitals, the Hospital Council of Northern and Central California, Operation Access, the San Francisco Community Clinic Consortium, Service Employees International Union United Health Care Workers – West, the San Francisco Medical Society, and Consumers' Union, worked collaboratively on the preparation of the Fiscal Year 2006 Charity Care Report Summary; and

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WHEREAS, the Charity Care Project was recognized by the National Association of Counties with a 2006 Achievement Award in recognition of an innovative program which contributes to and enhances county government in the United States; and

WHEREAS, in addition to reporting the charity care data provided by hospitals, the Fiscal Year 2006 Charity Care Report Summary also incorporates information from a variety of sources, including the California Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development, the 2000 Census, the 2003 California Health Interview Survey, the Building a Healthier San Francisco Web site HealthMattersinSF.com, which was launched in 2007, and the Public Health Institute's Advancing the State of the Art in Community Benefit Demonstration Project; and

WHEREAS, based upon data from these sources, the fiscal year 2006 Charity Care Report Summary finds that:

- Healthy San Francisco (HSF) provides a unique opportunity for the non-profit and public health care delivery systems to collaborate on the provision of services to uninsured residents;

- Ongoing collaboration and planning around community benefits through the Charity Care Project will increase and improve access to health care, especially for populations with disproportionate unmet needs; and

- Continuing to standardize reporting, analysis and application of charity care and community benefit data will improve the provision of health care services in San Francisco to individuals with disproportionate health needs.

Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that in accordance with these findings, the Fiscal Year 2006 Charity Care Report Summary recommends that:

- The Charity Care Project and its hospital members should pursue support for Healthy San Francisco in the following ways:
  1. Nonprofit hospitals will implement access to the web-based eligibility and enrollment system for Healthy San Francisco (One-e-App) to verify HSF participant eligibility as part of a hospital's screening process to determine eligibility for charity care or sliding scale.
  2. Nonprofit hospitals will continue to provide charity care to HSF participants with emergency health care needs.
  3. A new voluntary reporting category identified as "Healthy San Francisco Charity Care" will be added to the annual San Francisco Hospital Charity Care Report Summary.
  4. A new voluntary reporting category identified as "Healthy San Francisco Community Benefits" will be added to the annual San Francisco Hospital Charity Care Report Summary.; and

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- The Charity Care Project should continue to meet and expand its conversation and efforts to increase and improve the provision of charity care and other community benefits to populations with disproportionate unmet health care needs, especially for residents of the following neighborhoods: Bayview/Hunters Point, Potrero Hill; Tenderloin, Civic Center; and Bernal Heights, Mission, and Visitacion Valley; and

- The Charity Care Project should continue to standardize, analyze, and apply reported data on charity care and other community benefits, collaborating with Building a Healthy San Francisco, and promoting institutional reforms and community benefits standards recommended by the Public Health Institute in its ongoing demonstration project, Advancing the State of the Art in Community Benefit; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Health Commission recognizes the Charity Care Project for working together on the Fiscal Year 2006 Charity Care Report to create a more complete picture of charity care in San Francisco, and for engaging in the broader endeavor of improving access to needed health services for the City's underserved communities; and be it,

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Health Commission fully supports the recommendations put forth in the fiscal year 2006 Charity Care Report Summary and directs the Director of Health to work with San Francisco hospitals to implement these recommendations.

I hereby certify that the San Francisco Health Commission at its meeting of January 29, 2008 adopted the foregoing resolution.

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AGENDA

HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING

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Tuesday, February 5, 2008
At
3:00 p.m.
101 GROVE STREET, ROOM 300 or ROOM 302
San Francisco, CA 94102

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The Budget Committee of the Commission will consider the consent calendar on this agenda at 2:00 p.m. at 101 Grove. The Budget Committee Consent Calendar consists of two sections. The first section is for items that will be considered for approval. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the Budget Committee so requests. The second section consists of items that will be for discussion and approval.

Consent Calendar items that have been recommended for approval by the Budget Committee will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Health Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the Health Commission so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered as a separate item.

1) **CALL TO ORDER**

2) **PROPOSED ACTION:** **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF JANUARY 29, 2007**
**Minutes of the meeting of January 29, 2007*

3) **PROPOSED ACTION:** **APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE**
(Commissioner Steven Tierney, Ed.D.)

For Approval

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** Contract summary, Monitoring report summary, Client demographic information forms*

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**Memo, Health Commission Resolution, Supporting Documentation*

4) GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time, members of the public may address the Commission on items of interest to the public that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission that are not on this meeting agenda. With respect to agenda items, your opportunity to address the Commission will be afforded when the item is reached in the meeting. Each member of the public may address the Commission for up to two minutes. The Brown Act forbids a commission from taking action or discussing any item not appearing on the posted agenda, including those items raised at public comment.

4a) FOR DISCUSSION: **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
(Mitchell H. Katz, M.D., Director of Health)
(Report on activities and operations of the Department)
**Director's Report*

5) FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: **PRESENTATION OF A PROPOSED DUST CONTROL ORDINANCE AND CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ORDINANCE**
(Amy Brownell, P.E., Environmental Health Services)
**Memo, Ordinance, Resolution*

6) FOR DISCUSSION: **2ND QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT**
(Gregg Sass, Chief Financial Officer)
**Report*

7) FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: **APPROVAL OF A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF $4.3 MILLION FOR SFGH CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE SERVICE BUILDING SEISMIC UPGRADE AND ELECTRICAL POWER DISTRIBUTION**
(Gregg Sass, Chief Financial Officer)
**Memo, Supplemental Appropriation*

8) FOR DISCUSSION: **COMMISSION STRUCTURE**
(Health Commission)

9) OTHER BUSINESS**

10) **COMMISSIONER REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

11) **ADJOURNMENT**

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1) CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Illig called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

Present: Commissioner James M. Illig, President
Commissioner Sonia E. Melara, MSW, Vice President – left at 4:50 p.m.
Commissioner Edward A. Chow, M.D.
Commissioner Margine A. Sako
Commissioner David J. Sanchez, Jr., Ph.D.
Commissioner Steven Tierney, Ed.D.
Commissioner Catherine M. Waters, R.N., Ph.D. – arrived at 3:25 p.m.

2) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF JANUARY 29, 2008

Action Taken: The Commission (Illig, Melara, Chow, Sako, Sanchez, Tierney) approved the minutes of the January 29, 2008 with corrections on pages 7, 9 and 11. Corrected minutes are posted on the Commission's website and available in the Health Commission office.

3) APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

Commissioner Tierney chaired and Commissioner Chow and Commissioner Melara attended the Budget Committee meeting.

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Commissioners' Comments

- Commissioner Chow would like to include patient satisfaction and a performance element in this contract. Sharon Kotabe, Pharmacy Director, and Tarul Kode, MedImpact, said they will do this.

(3.9) Central Administration – Request for approval of a contract between the California Department of Health Care Services and the City and County of San Francisco in the amount of $24.37 million for each of three Program Years from September 1, 2007 to August 21, 2010 to provide services rendered under Healthy San Francisco, the City and County's Health Care Coverage Initiative program, and approval of a resolution.

Commissioners' Comments

- Commissioner Melara confirmed that the current enrollee population is comprised of both documented and undocumented clients. Ms. Brigham said that eligibility is based on San Francisco residency, income and other factors. After a person is determined eligible they are asked if they have residency documentation that could be used for reimbursement

- Commissioner Tierney asked how they will determine how many people are eligible to receive reimbursement under HCCI. Ms. Brigham said Healthy San Francisco does not collect immigration data. State data estimates that 35% to 40% of all uninsured people in California are undocumented. The Department now has the ability to access California birth records dating back to 1905, and can use this documentation to meet the Federal government's documentation requirements. It will not capture the entire population but will help.

- Commissioner Melara said that many people in California were not born here but are now legal immigrants, and we need to identify appropriate ways to ask people for documentation. Ms. Brigham said she worked with an immigrant rights group to develop the language on the eligibility form. Thus far the program has been successful getting documentation from legal immigrants.

- Commissioner Illig asked that the quarterly reports that are submitted to the State for the HCCI program are also presented to the Health Commission. Commissioner Illig also recommended that in the upcoming year San Francisco and the nine other counties who are part of the HCCI initiative work with the California Congressional delegation to revise the HCCI regulations.

Action Taken: The Commission approved the Budget Committee Consent Calendar, including Resolution 03-08, "Approving a Contract between the Department of Public Health and MedImpact Healthcare Systems," and Resolution 04-08, "Authorizing a Contract Between the City and County of San Francisco and State Department of Health Care Services for the Health Care Coverage Initiative," (Attachments A and B).

4) GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

4a) DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mitchell H. Katz, M.D., presented his Director's Report.

Insure the Uninsured Project
Dr. Katz will be traveling to Sacramento this evening to speak at the annual conference of the Insure the Uninsured Project (ITUP) on the topic of "Access and the Safety Net." Additionally he has been selected as one of the ITUP's 2008 Award recipients, representing the leadership and work that has been done to create Healthy San Francisco. The ITUP's mission is to work with state policy makers, counties, health plans, employers, unions, community group, providers and other public and private entities to increase coverage to California's 6.6 million uninsured. This year's theme, "From Talk to Action: Covering the Uninsured," will bring together a diverse group of conference attendees who share a common interest in increasing access to health care and coverage for the uninsured.

SFGH Rebuild Town Hall Meeting
San Francisco General Hospital & Trauma Center will hold the first *SFGH Rebuild* town hall meeting from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. in Carr Auditorium on Wednesday, February 13, 2008. The purpose of the meeting is to provide a summary of the work done to date. Highlights include:

- status report on the project's progress in the Planning Department
- presentation of the design concept for the new hospital
- review of the approved shape of the building, renderings, and basic floor plates
- overview of the EIR process and construction schedule
- presentation on the general obligation bond process

This meeting is open to the general public.

2008 Heroes & Hearts Award
Five recipients of the third-annual Heroes & Hearts Award will be honored at the Heroes & Hearts Luncheon on Thursday, February 14, 2008 in Union Square. The Heroes & Hearts Award will be presented to the following individuals who have demonstrated exceptional and inspirational behavior to another individual or the community as a whole:

- Alicia Boccellari, Ph.D., UCSF Clinical Professor and Director, Division of Psychosocial Medicine
- Robert Brody, M.D., Medical Director for Health at Home
- Catherine Dukes, City public safety communications technician and Good Samaritan
- Sergeant Bob Guinan, Law Enforcement Special Olympics Torch Run Executive Committee
- Fernando Hechavarria, San Francisco street artist and Good Samaritan.

Judith Luce, M.D., Director of Oncology Services, will receive the distinguished "Spirit of the General" award.

Heroes & Hearts is an outgrowth of 2004's Hearts in San Francisco city-wide art installation and fundraiser project. All proceeds benefit the San Francisco General Hospital Foundation and its mission of funding SFGH programs that enhance patient care and comfort. Heroes & Hearts has raised over $2.5 million for the hospital.

Sweetened Beverage Legislation Proposed

Mayor Gavin Newsom announced proposed legislation to impose a regulatory fee on retailers selling sweetened beverages. The impact fees will be used to fund programs that mitigate the negative impacts of obesity. Mounting evidence suggests liquid sugars contribute to obesity in ways that other foods, including solid sweets and high fat foods do not. Calories consumed in liquid form do not register satiety in our brains in the same manner as calories consumed as solids. Consumption of sugary beverages has increased 500% during the past 50 years and is now the leading source of added sugars in children's diets accounting for ten percent of total caloric intake for the average child. Dr. Katz will keep the Commission informed on the progress of the legislation.

Network for a Healthy California

The Network for a Healthy California from the State Health Department recently posted a video clipping of San Francisco's Champion for Change event on the State's network internet site. The Champion for Change event was sponsored by Chinatown Public Health Center last fall and featured Commissioner Ed Chow as the Master of Ceremonies. The event reached out to more than 500 people, including 100 youths in San Francisco's Chinatown, and showcased moms and youth who had made healthy lifestyle changes. The program focused on demonstrating various Chinese forms of physical activity and healthy Chinese cuisine dishes from famous local chefs. This clipping can be viewed from the following link:
http://networkforahealthycalifornia.net/multimedia/SFChinatown_CFC.php

San Francisco Hep B Free Update

The many successes of the Hep B Free project continued throughout 2007. The San Francisco Hep B Free campaign began in November 2006 when then Supervisor Fiona Ma introduced a Board of Supervisors resolution calling for the testing and vaccination of all Asian Pacific Island residents. In December 2006, the Health Commission endorsed the resolution and by January 2007, the Department of Public Health, AsianWeek Foundation and the Asian Liver Center at Stanford joined forces to establish an Interagency Steering Committee. Dr. Ed Chow helped launch the San Francisco Hep B Free campaign at a dinner in Chinatown attended by 450 representatives from over 120 community and healthcare organizations. The campaign has evolved into a sound community oriented testing and vaccine program that has the support of six hospitals, dozens of community clinics, and over two dozen actively participating partner organizations. Seven low cost public access testing and vaccination sites offer services and web access. A community education plan with a Community Advisory Group was established. San Francisco State University and the City College of San Francisco have committed to educate, test and vaccine 65,000 students, staff and faculty.

Among the many challenges that lay ahead in 2008, the Hep B Free program will focus on raising funds for a large scale public awareness campaign, establishing broad scale clinician education, providing access to care for uninsured infected persons and providing adequate staffing to carry out the campaign goals. The Hep B Free campaign is an excellent example of what can be accomplished when public and private partnerships work together to improve the health outcomes of targeted populations.

Staff Recognized for Mentorship Program

The Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation has invited Sue Currin, RN, MS, Chief Nursing Officer, and Leslie Holpit, RN, MSN, Nursing Retention and Recruitment, to be one of three spotlight presenters at the 2008 Betty Irene Moore Nursing Initiative Summit on February 21, 2008. The

invitation is an acknowledgement by the Moore Foundation of the exceptional outcomes achieved through the SFGH RN Mentorship Program.

Commendations from State
After a site visit and performance review by the California Office of Traffic Safety, (OTS), State officials had wonderful things to say about the Pedestrian Safety and Child Passenger Safety Programs in the Community Health Education Section.

STD Update
During 2007, 356 cases of early syphilis were reported compared to 421 early syphilis cases in 2006, a decrease of 15%. These are preliminary numbers and can be expected to change slightly over the next few months.

Other programmatic highlights:

- In December 2007, the STD Section offered chlamydia and gonorrhea screening to the entire student body of one of the two continuation high schools in San Francisco. The 116 students present on the screening days received a brief STD presentation and returned a urine specimen for testing. Four new chlamydia infections were identified among female students, who were subsequently treated with field delivered therapy and provided with partner packs for their sexual partners.

- STD Prevention & Control Section is launching a pilot project, called the "Buddies" program that provides a resource for the friends, partners and family members of methamphetamine users.

Quilting Show Highlights Quilting Program at SFGH
Last week, Alex Anderson, a noted quilter and co-host of internet quilting show aptly named "The Quilt Show," filmed a segment on SFGH's Vocational Rehabilitation quilting project. The Great Cover Up is a client-operated cooperative that has been successful in the production and marketing of stunning quilts at SFGH.

Commissioners' Comments

- Commissioner Illig encouraged his colleagues to attend the Heroes and Hearts Award Luncheon. Commissioner Illig asked if the Board of Supervisors, when proposing health-related legislation, runs the legislation by the Health Department. Dr. Katz said it depends on the supervisor proposing the ordinance and the issue. The Department always tries to get the Board to include both the Health Commission and other supervisors, but this does not always happen. DPH staff was asked to provide input to the sweetened beverage legislation.

- Commissioner Sanchez reinforced the recognition of SFGH's Mentorship Program staff.

- Commissioner Chow thanked Dr. Katz for highlighting the Hep B program. The fact that the Health Department is 100% behind this project is unprecedented.

5) PRESENTATION OF A PROPOSED DUST CONTROL ORDINANCE AND CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ORDINANCE

Rajiv Bhatia, M.D., Director of the Environmental Health Division, presented the dust control ordinance. The ordinance, proposed by Supervisor Sophie Maxwell, applies additional rules to

construction projects that create dust by extending a degree of the protection from nuisance dust now required for development at Hunters Point Shipyard to larger scale development projects citywide. The intent of the ordinance is to reduce the quality of dust generated during site preparation, construction and demolition in order to protect the health of the general public and on-site workers. This is one of several initiatives that DPH has been interested to improve the air quality in San Francisco.

Amy Brownell, Environmental Health, provided details of the ordinance:

- All construction sites are required to control dust through common dust control techniques.
- Projects over ½ acre in size and within 1000 feet of sensitive receptors must submit a dust control plan to the Health Department for approval. DPH approval is needed to obtain building permit approval.
- There are provisions for Health Director waivers of the requirements.
- Interior only tenant improvement projects are exempt from the ordinance.
- The enforcement will be by DBI building inspectors upon complaint. DPH has no direct enforcement role but will advise DBI
- Developers would pay fees to the Health Department to review the plan.

Dr. Bhatia said Article 31 of the Health Code, which was established for Hunters Point Shipyard, served at the model for this ordinance.

Commissioners' Comments

- Commissioner Illig said statements have been made that there are high levels of naturally occurring asbestos in San Francisco. Does this mean that San Francisco's dust is more toxic? Dr. Bhatia said that this means we need to create more precautions than areas without naturally occurring asbestos. The State adopted new rules in order to address this problem.

- Commissioner Tierney asked if the Department is legally vulnerable if other entities do not comply with the requirements. Dr. Bhatia said the City is not typically held liable for other entities' actions or lack of action. Ms. Brownell added that the Health Department has been enforcing a similar ordinance for many years and has never encountered any legal difficulty.

- Commissioner Chow said report attachment A indicates that the public health impact of this ordinance would be a reduction in 203 premature deaths per year in San Francisco. Dr. Bhatia said that the Air Resources Board estimates that reducing PM10 from all sources to natural background levels would result in the benefit indicated in Attachment A. Construction dust is a small percentage of all particulate matter.

Action Taken: The Commission approved Resolution 05-08, "Supporting the Dust Control Ordinance" (Attachment C).

6) 2ND QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT

Gregg Sass, Chief Financial Officer, presented the 2nd Quarter Financial Report. Projections include a revenue deficit of $1.768 million, an expenditure deficit of $9.047 million and the Department is projecting a significant deficit of $10.815 million. While the deficit is large, it has improved compared to first quarter projections, which reflected a deficit of $15.068 million. Mr. Sass gave a detailed update on the budget for Healthy San Francisco. The Department is currently projecting a $3 million net shortfall for the program budget comprised of revenue reductions and

expenditure savings. Mr. Sass provided an overview of DPH division budgets, including San Francisco General Hospital and Laguna Honda Hospital. Mr. Sass concluded by saying that with six months remaining in the fiscal year it is difficult to project the year-end position with precision. However it appears that the Health Department will require additional general fund support. DPH is working with the Mayor's Budget Office and the Controller's Office to develop the supplemental.

Commissioners' Comments

- Commissioner Illig asked if the 2nd Quarter Financial Report includes grants. Mr. Sass said it does not include grants.

- Commissioner Chow clarified that the savings associated with closing Clarendon Hall have been factored in to these projections. Mr. Sass said they have been incorporated. Laguna Honda has been working very hard to control expenses.

7) APPROVAL OF A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF $4.3 MILLION FOR SFGH CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE SERVICE BUILDING SEISMIC UPGRADE AND ELECTRICAL POWER DISTRIBUTION

Gregg Sass, Chief Financial Officer, presented a $4.3 million supplemental appropriation to fund SFGH capital improvements associated with the Service Building Seismic Update and Electrical Power Distribution project. The General Fund Budget Savings Incentive Fund is the funding source for the supplemental. $2.4 million of the supplemental is to fund cost increase in the Service Building Seismic Update Project. The Service Building is undergoing a seismic update. This project began in 2005 and completion is estimated in August 2008. Cost overruns are due to unforeseen conditions, designer errors and delays.

$2.28 million of the supplemental is to fund the Electrical Power Distribution project. The electrical distribution system suffered a catastrophic failure in December 2007. The supplemental will fund the installation of a temporary power system setup and the permanent replacement of the high voltage electrical distribution system.

Commissioners' Comments

- Commissioner Sako asked who does the project management on behalf of DPH. Judi Mosqueda said that is her job as the executive project manager for SFGH. She has been with SFGH for four months and she came from DPW. Several factors contributed to the cost overrun for this project. There are items that they think the designer should have anticipated so they are negotiating with the designers for some type of contribution to the overrun. But for most items, it is not clear who is at fault.

- Commissioner Chow clarified that the supplemental funds two distinct projects, one of which is straightforward and one that has been plagued by delays and cost overruns. He asked Mr. Sass if he anticipates any problems. Mr. Sass said it is always difficult when there are cost overruns on a project. DPH has the support of the Mayor's Budget Office and the Controller's Office for these projects.

Action Taken: The Commission approved the supplemental appropriation.

8) COMMISSION STRUCTURE

Commissioner Illig reiterated that the Commission will hold a special meeting to discuss Commission structure and policy and procedures on Tuesday, March 25, 2pm to 5pm.

Commissioner Illig said the proposed FY 2008-2009 Budget will be presented to the Health Commission on February 19 and March 4, 2008. The February 19th meeting will be the opportunity for public testimony and will begin at 2:00 p.m. There will be no contract review at that meeting. The Commission suggested grouping the testimony by topic to help with the flow of public comment and to give members of the public the opportunity to come later in the meeting. Commissioner Illig suggested the possibility of having the Budget Committee meet between the two meetings if there are issues that arise.

9) OTHER BUSINESS

None.

10) COMMISSIONER REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

11) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

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Attachments: (3)

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HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, February 19, 2008
At
2:00 p.m.*
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San Francisco, CA 94102

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THE HEALTH COMMISSION WILL HOLD A BEILENSON HEARING ON THE PROPOSED MID-YEAR BUDGET REDUCTIONS ON MARCH 4, 2008

1) CALL TO ORDER

2) PROPOSED ACTION: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF FEBRUARY 5, 2008
**Minutes of the meeting of February 5, 2008*

3) GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

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4) **FOR DISCUSSION:** **PRESENTATION OF THE FY 2008-2009 HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUDGET INCLUDING MID YEAR BUDGET REDUCTIONS**
(Mitchell H. Katz, M.D., Health Director)
**Proposed Budget*

For the convenience of the public, public testimony will be grouped by category. Each person will be given two minutes to speak, and can speak only one time. The following is the order in which testimony will be taken. In order to accommodate all who wish to testify, members of the public who missed their topic to will be given the opportunity to testify at the end of the hearing.

1. Mid Year Budget Reductions

2. FY 2008-2009 Budget Reductions
   a) Community Programs (CBHS, HIV/AIDS, Primary Care, Health Promotion, STD, Housing and Urban Health)
   b) Environmental Health
   c) Laguna Honda Hospital
   d) San Francisco General Hospital and Health at Home
   e) Department-wide Administrative and Operating Reductions

5) **OTHER BUSINESS****

6) **COMMISSIONER REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

7) **ADJOURNMENT**

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1) CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Illig called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Present: Commissioner James M. Illig, President
Commissioner Sonia E. Melara, MSW, Vice President
Commissioner Edward A. Chow, M.D.
Commissioner Margine A. Sako
Commissioner David J. Sanchez, Jr., Ph.D.
Commissioner Steven Tierney, Ed.D.
Commissioner Catherine M. Waters, R.N., Ph.D.

2) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF FEBRUARY 5, 2008

Action Taken: The Commission approved the minutes of the February 5, 2008 Health Commission meeting. Commissioner Melara said the Commission should discuss at a future meeting how they want their comments noted in the minutes.

3) GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael Petrelis asked when DPH will hold public hearing about a Swiss study that was just released. Also, when is the Department going to report to the community about all research it is doing on gay men.

4) PRESENTATION OF THE FY 2008-2009 HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUDGET INCLUDING MID YEAR BUDGET REDUCTIONS

Mitchell H. Katz, M.D., Health Director, presented the FY 2007-2008 mid year budget reductions and the FY 2008-2009 Department of Public Health budget reductions.

FY 2007-2008 Budget Reductions (scheduled for implementation on April 15, except for the Workers Compensation Clinic, which is scheduled for closure on March 15)

- Workers Compensation Clinic Closure
- Oral Surgery Clinic Reductions in Hours of Operation
- 8-hour per Day Reduction in OR Time
- Elimination of Chronic Care Public Health Nursing Program
- Clinic Director Consolidation – CBHS Mental Health
- Buster's Place
- Senior Disaster Registry

FY 2008-2009 Budget Reductions

- Move Young Adults to Healthy San Francisco
- Clarendon Hall Closure Annual Value
- Reduce LHH Beds from 935 to 780 to Meet Rebuild Bed Capacity
- Limit Services for Uninsured to Seriously Mentally Ill Clients
- Transfer of Gonorrhea and Chlamydia Testing from SFGH Clinical Laboratory to
- Reduction of Health at Home Program
- 15% general fund reduction in Mental Health, Substance Abuse and AIDS
- End Capitation for Assertive Community Treatment Programs
- Administrative and Operating Reductions—Department wide
- Shape Up San Francisco
- Residential Treatment for Paralyzed Gunshot Victims
- Reduce Bayview Health Initiative
- Sex Worker Program
- SRO Collaboratives
- Hygiene Funding for Shelters
- Job Training and Outreach for Youth
- Adult Day Medical Patch
- Roads to Recovery and Post Release Education Program
- Asthma Task Force
- Nursing Staffing and HR Position Substitutions
- Reduction in HIV Health Services
- Sale of Building on Onondaga
- Buprenorphine acquisition offset by reduction of Adult Residential and Outpatient Slots
- Reduction of Chlamydia Testing for low-risk asymptomatic persons

Next Steps

The San Francisco Health Commission will conduct a Beilenson Hearing to hear public testimony on the mid-year cuts on Tuesday, March 4 at 3 p.m. in the Health Commission Chambers, 101 Grove, Room 300. Dr. Katz said these are the worst cuts the Department has ever recommended. None of the suggestions are because the services are not considered valuable.

Public Comment

- Nan O'Conner spoke in support of the clinic director position at the Center for Special Problems (CSP).
- Steven Hoffman spoke in support of the clinic director position at CSP.
- Katy Davis spoke in support of the clinic director position CSP.
- Gloria Namkung spoke in support of the clinic director at CSP.
- Mary Ma spoke in support of the clinic director at CSP.
- Melissa Bloom, Director of CSP spoke in support of the mental health clinic director positions.
- Sharon and Lily Nalls asked the Commission not to cut Health at Home and public health nurses.
- Andreas Schmitz spoke in support of the mental health clinic director position.
- Peter Goetz spoke against cutting the mental health clinic director position, specifically the position at CSP.
- Mark Sheldon spoke in support of the clinic director at CSP.
- Jim Lee Master spoke in support of the clinic director at CSP.
- Janeyce Ouellette spoke in support of the clinic director at CSP.
- Diane Kile spoke in support of the clinic director position at CSP.
- Matt Foley spoke in support of the clinic director at CSP.
- Daya Johnson spoke in support of the clinic director at CSP.
- Julie Graham spoke in support of the clinic director at CSP, which is a very specialized clinic.
- Joey Childress spoke in support of the clinic director at CSP.
- Jeanne Bjorno said do not cut services.
- Mike Ahern expressed concern about proposed consolidation of clinic directors, and in support of the CSP director. Mr. O'Hearn read from a letter that Blanche Korfmacher sent to the Commissioners.
- Deborah Muise spoke against reducing funding for substance abuse services.
- Jimmy Loyce said San Francisco DPH and its partners have a tremendous array of services unduplicated anywhere else. The Health Commission's role is to take health policy out of the political arena.
- Charles Hardigree, resident of Walden House, spoke against budget cuts.
- Ellen Tubachnick asked if the Commission knows if any of this is legal, and have they consulted the city attorney. The Mental Health clinic director should not run two clinics.
- Rod Libby, Walden House, spoke against cuts to substance abuse services.

- Vitka Eisen, Walden House, spoke against cuts to substance abuse services.
- Gregory Maillet spoke in support of Walden House and against the budget cuts in substance abuse.
- Meredith Miller spoke against the 15 percent cut in substance abuse.
- Ed Kinchley said a number of the cuts are morally wrong and fiscally backwards. If Busters Place closes, people will go to SFGH. The Health Commission is charged with providing public health, not cutting it. Use the Rainy Day fund.
- Francisco Silva, spoke against cuts adult public health nurses. Martha Hawthorne translated his public testimony.
- Mary Magee spoke against closing the Workers Compensation Clinic at SFGH. She urged the Commission to ask the Mayor to attend the Beilenson hearing, who never has to listen to the heartache of San Franciscans. (She submitted a written summary of her testimony.)
- Terry Wong, Director of Sunset Mental Health Clinic, spoke against consolidating the Mental Health Clinic Director positions. (He submitted a written copy of his testimony.)
- Mabel Jung spoke against eliminating clinic director position. (She submitted a written copy of her testimony)
- Ellen Sakolof spoke against cuts to public health nursing (check tape, Tape 1,side B)
- Peg Hickox spoke against cuts to mental health clinic directors.
- Sylvia Petrin spoke against cuts to public health nursing
- Peggy Coster said none of the cuts are directed at middle and top managers, who have no reason for being if you eliminate services. Clinic Directors are good.
- Joe Martinelli, Teamsters Union, spoke against cutting the clinic directors because they provide direction to the line staff.
- Dr. Brian Bass spoke against proposed cuts to the Oral Surgery Clinic, which would greatly impact patient care.
- Dr. Newton Gordon spoke against cuts to the Oral Surgery Clinic. They are currently understaffed. (He submitted written copy of his testimony.)
- Lisa Leighton spoke against eliminating the Chronic Care Public Health Nursing. Once this program is eliminated it will never reappear.
- Linda Ray spoke against eliminating Chronic Care Public Health Nursing.
- Martha Hawthorne spoke in support of public health nurses who could not attend today's hearing. She read from and submitted for the record a letter from William B. Shore, M.D. opposing the elimination of Chronic Care Public Health Nursing.
- Barbara Rothkrug spoke against eliminating Chronic Care Public Health Nursing.
- CW Johnson spoke against cuts to mental health clinic directors.
- David Carptner spoke against cuts to the South of Market Mental Health Clinic.
- Eugene Gordon spoke against eliminating the Chronic Care Public Health Program
- Stefan Lynch spoke against cuts to public health nursing.
- Ginger Holman spoke against cutting mental health clinic directors.
- Mark Silva spoke against cutting mental clinic directors. He hasn't heard about any cuts in security services, only cuts to health, teachers and others.

- Mark Bernstein, M.D., Sunset Mental Health Services said the current proposal to eliminate program directors at CBHS clinics is reminiscent of what DPH unsuccessfully tried to do in 2004. He spoke in support of the Sunset Mental Clinic director and all director positions. (He submitted a written summary of his testimony.)
- Wilma Louie spoke against the elimination of mental health program directors. These personnel provide direct client care.
- Danielle Spillmen spoke in support of CSP and Melissa Bloom.
- Diane Willis spoke against the cuts to the Oral Surgery Clinic. They serve patients that no one else will see. Cutting staff will be a catastrophe.
- Terra Purcell spoke against cuts to the Oral Surgery Clinic.
- Alfredo Mirales, Jr. spoke against proposed mid year budget cuts. You can't cut public health nursing and reduce beds at Laguna Honda Hospital.
- Susan Ferreira, Shelter Not Jail, on behalf of Jennifer Friedenbach, spoke against cutting Buster's Place. The city must provide after hours services. (She submitted written information about Buster's Place.)
- Joey Cain asked the Commission to oppose the mid year cut to Buster's Place. Buster's Place serves twice the number of clients it is contracted to serve.
- Reverend Debra Benedict, client of Baker Places, has had to call police because her roommates have threatened her. No one has done anything to assist her and now Baker Places has asked her to leave.
- Manuel Mena, Director of Mission Mental Health Clinic, spoke against cuts to Mental Health Clinic directors.
- Michael Lyon, Gray Panthers, said all of the proposed cuts are unacceptable and unjustified. The eight hour reduction in OR time means 720 fewer cases per year.
- Ying Zhang-Chiu, Sunset Mental Health, spoke against cutting program directors and in support of Terry Wong, director of Sunset Mental Health. A time of crisis is the worst time to take away leadership.
- Vanessa Flores, Asian Women's Shelter, said all the cuts proposed will impact San Francisco's most vulnerable populations. Please oppose cuts to CSP.
- Ruth Hughes is opposed with the elimination of the clinic director at CSP. Having an onsite clinic director is essential.
- Marc Ellyn Garth, DEAP, spoke against reduction of the mental health clinic directors. (She submitted a written copy of her testimony.)
- Lucia Hammond, Mission Family Center, still sees clients as well as administers the program. She is hands on with her families. Do not cut on site directors.
- Pat Putney, Health at Home, said if DPH sells the building on Onendaga they would have to move St. Mary's Adult Day Health Center. Health at Home keeps people in the community. These are truly homebound patients.
- Cyrus Carter, Golden Gate for Seniors, urged the commission to maintain the Department as it is and not make any cuts.
- Tee spoke against eliminating the program director at CSP.
- Gloria Canas, Mission Family Center, spoke against reducing the clinic director.

- Rachel Matillano, API Wellness Center, spoke on behalf of HIV Services and urged the commission not to cut general fund to these services.
- Erica Reyes, client of API Wellness Center, spoke in support of the center and against cutting funding.
- Janet Goy, MAP, spoke against the 15 percent funding cut and asked the Commission to reconsider cuts to these essential services.
- Sasha Cuttler, USF School of Nursing, read a statement from the other faculty at USF, urging the Health Commission to oppose budget cuts to essential services.
- Krista Lim, USF School of Nursing, urged the Commission not to cut public health nursing.
- Max Haptonstahl, CATS/MAP program, spoke against cuts to community services.
- Felicia Houston, Program Director of A Women's Place, spoke against cuts to CBHS and HIV/AIDS funding. Women are already underserved and this cut is devastating.
- Nancy Rubin, Edgewood Center for Children and Families, said the kids her program serves would otherwise be served by juvenile hall or acute inpatient services. Unless the general fund $700,000 augmentation they received last year is restored to Edgewood's budget they will be closing their children's residential beds.
- Rick Mariano, Edgewood Boardmember, said Edgewood's Executive Director has consistently told the City that Edgewood is providing $1 million more in services than they receive funding for, and that the City has promised to make Edgewood whole. Last year they finally received half of the funding but this year it is now. The Board has advised the executive director they cannot do this anymore.
- Bryce Eberhart read a letter from Annie Darrow, who has a child being served by Edgewood Children's Center.
- Perry Zinnanti, Program Director, Redwood Services, said the Health Commission must listen to the people who do the work of the Department, who have testified for hours today. Please oppose the cuts.
- Myrna Filman, Nurse Practitioner at OMI, spoke against the proposed reduction of the clinic director. Peg Hickox is the best person to run this program.
- Steven Butts, Walden House, spoke against cuts to treatment beds.
- John Atchan, Walden House, asked the Commission not to cut treatment beds.
- Charles McClain, Walden House, urged the Commission to oppose cuts to treatment beds.
- Lee Shafer, Walden House, asked the Commission not to cut treatment beds.
- Dave Fariello, Citywide Case Management Community Focus, urged the Commission not to remove the capitation system in the Assertive Community Treatment Programs. This cut will have unintended consequences. (He submitted a written copy of his testimony.)
- Yue Hua Yu spoke in support of the SRO Families United Collaborative and all SRO Collaboratives who have helped people to better deal with their lives.
- Miguel Carrera, Coalition on Homelessness, spoke in support of the SRO Collaboratives. The money should be spent on poor and homeless families in SROs and other programs and the Health Commission should ask the Mayor to fund these programs.
- Jesus Perez, South of Market SRO Collaborative, urged support for the collaboratives.

- Hilary Klein, SRO Families United Collaborative, said the she was able to move out of a hotel and into housing because of the Collaborative's help. The clients served by these programs slip through the cracks of other services. She submitted a letter from a woman who had to leave, as well as information about the program.
- Ann Jayne, Church Women United, urged the Commission to ask that the across the board reductions not be applied to Public Health. She spoke in support of health at home services and mental health services.
- Eve Meyer, San Francisco Suicide Prevention, spoke against the proposed 15 percent cut in community behavioral health. She encouraged the Commission to refuse to make these cuts.
- Wendy Phillips, Dolores Street Community Services, spoke against cutting the SRO Colalboratives.
- Debbi Lerman, Human Services Network, spoke against the 15 percent cut to community services, the substance abuse and residential treatment cuts and the $3 million cut to HIV services. These cuts are devastating.
- Susan Phillips, SAGE Project, shared how important it is to deal with trauma issues. Please do not cut this program.
- Julie Slater, Health counselor and AIDS Manager at SAGE, urged the Commission not to cut the program.
- Jack G. Hill urged the Commission not to make any cuts to the SAGE program. Cuts would put him back on the streets.
- Jenny Wiley, Central City Hospitality House, is concerned about the 15 percent cut to community programs. She also spoke in support for Buster's Place.
- Perry Lang, Black Coalition on AIDS, spoke about wellness services to the African American Services. The proposed budget cuts will adversely affect these services. The budget must reflect the crisis in the African American community. (He submitted written copy of his testimony and a AACHIE/Cameo fact sheet).
- Reverend Norman Fong, Chinatown CDC, spoke in support of the SRO Collaborative. Please save the SRO funding. This is a real collaborative that serves the genuine poor.
- Lizbett Calleros, Mission Neighborhood Resource Center, spoke in support of the Mission SRO Collaborative. Please do not cut community programs
- Jorge Portillo, Mission SRO Collaborative, spoke against the cuts to the program.
- Bill Hirsch, Executive Director, AIDS Legal Referral Panel, urged the Commission to repeat the move they made last year and refuse to pass on these cuts. These are all essential services.
- Angela Chu spoke in support of the SRO Families Collaborative. Housing impacts people's health and DPH and the Collaboratives are doing something about unhealthy housing.
- Autumn spoke in support of CSP and Melissa Bloom.
- Mara Kopp spoke in support of good field staff at mental health clinics. The clinic directors are the anchors to the clinics. They are creative people and this is not the time to cut them.
- Carmella Patton, Black Coalition on AIDS AACHIE Coordinator, asked the Commission to reconsider cuts to the program.
- Arthur Curry, Office of Self-Help, said across the board cuts, on the State and local levels, would be devastating to San Francisco.

- Brinda Faye Drummer, Black Coalition on AIDS, is opposed to the cuts to the Black Coalition's AACHI and Cameo programs.
- Cecelia Collins spoke against cuts to the AACHIE and Cameo programs. The programs are good for her body, soul and mind.
- Jean Margaret Strauss spoke in support of the Cameo program. She is using the methods that this program taught her to manage her pain. Please continue to fund this program.
- Dr. Raymond Tompkis, Associate Researcher at San Francisco State, asked the Commission to continue funding for the Black Coalition on AIDS. The program serves the highest risk community.

Written Public Testimony (all written testimony is on file in the Health Commission Office)

- Sivlia Flores, supporting the work of the SRO Collarboratives.
- Rebecca Lam, opposing cuts to public health nursing
- Denise Vellegas, opposing to cuts to mental health clinic directors.
- Martha Ryan, MPH and Nancy Frappier, Homeless Prenatal Program, opposing cuts to the public health nursing program.
- Mercedes Cortez , opposing cuts to mental health clinic directors.
- Jane Ma, Sunset Mental Health Services, opposing cuts to mental health clinic directors at Sunset and OMI.
- Anonymous, Mission Family Center, opposed to cuts to mental health clinic directors.
- Murne Stone, opposed to cut to clinic director at South of Market Mental Health Clinic.
- Nancy Lim Yee, Chinatown Child Development Center, opposed to consolidating mental health clinic directors.
- Richard Schoenbrun, M.D., Sunset Mental Health Services, opposed to cut to clinic director at Sunset Mental Health.
- Catherine Lan-Cheng, Sunset Mental Health Services, opposed to cuts to mental health services.
- Raul Reyes, Sunset Mental Health Services, opposed to removing CBHS clinic directors.
- Cynthia Pon, Sunset Mental Health Services, opposed to consolidation of mental health clinic directors and service cuts to mental health.
- John Baker, Sunset Mental Health Services, opposed to cuts to mental health clinic directors.
- EunJoo Lee Justice, M.D., Sunset Mental Health Services, opposed to cuts to mental health clinic directors.
- Alexis Malone, Mission Family Health, opposed to cutting the clinic director.
- Vera Vasey, LCSW, Sunset Mental Health Services, opposed to cuts to mental health clinic directors.
- Paul Lam, Sunset Mental Health Services, opposed to cuts to CBHS providers and clinic directors.
- Hannibal Lowry, Family Mosaic Project, opposed to cutting mental health clinic directors.
- J Hipolito, opposed to cutting mental health clinic directors.
- Sujin Lee, LCSW, Sunset Mental Health Services, opposed to cutting mental health clinic directors.

Commissioners' Comments

- Commissioner Sako asked if the public health nurses make home visits. Dr. Katz said Health at Home provides services through two different types of nurses. The public health nurses stationed at Health at Home provide case management services. The clinical nurses serve those people who have a licensed skilled nursing need. Both types of nurses make home visits, however not all of the patients are home bound.

- Commissioner Melara said chronic illnesses are one of the biggest issues impacting emergency departments today. How do we create case management services to prevent people from going into the emergency department? Dr. Katz said DAAS has a growing group of case managers and DPH has been talking to DAAS about these services.

- Commissioner Waters asked what the Health Department's definition of case management is, and what the case management protocols are for public health nurses. The American Public Health Association public health nursing standards give a broader definition of case management than what she has heard in terms of San Francisco's public health nurses. Dr. Katz said he will research this further and provide the Commission with the protocols and definition.

- Commissioner Tierney has never liked across the board cuts as this approach gives the impression that all programs have equally important outcomes and are equally efficient. Has any thought been given to using a different approach to achieving the 15% cut in Community Programs? Dr. Katz said they have not decided yet how to implement this budget reduction. One strategy is to RFP as much as the Department is capable of. This allows the Department to look at quality and Department priorities.

- Commissioner Sanchez said over time DPH has been dissected in terms of how it maintains the safety net. The Department has never focused on what the data shows—we have an aging city, more SNF beds will be needed, etc. We should be increasing the system but instead we are dismantling significant pathways. At what point do we say there is nothing left to cut if we are going to maintain our mission?

- Commissioner Melara suggested having a meeting next week to discuss the budget cuts in more detail. The Health Commission can be thinking more creatively and look strategically at health policy.

- Commissioner Chow favors the idea of a more in depth discussion on the individual budget proposals. He also wants to look at the grants that are expiring. Many of these grants fund primary prevention efforts and other critical programs. He would also like to further discuss the issue of the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors inadequately funding the Department of Public Health in prior years.

- Commissioner Illig announced that the Health Commission would meet to discuss the budget on Tuesday, February 26, 3:00 p.m.

- Commissioner Waters' said her questions are of a philosophical, ethical and rhetorical nature, including what the impacts of the cuts would be on the values, mission and vision of the Health

Department. She will submit a list of questions. This would be helpful in terms of having a budget discussion.

- Commissioner Illig said he would like the budget principles to be tied to the budget proposals. He would also like to know if the Mayor's Office would accept the Health Department's funding of structural budget issues to meet the remainder of its target.

- Commissioner Sako does not like making these decisions in a vacuum. She would like to know if there are existing services somewhere else.

- Commissioner Chow would like an understanding if we are going to match the least mentally ill clients to a medical home. If the SRO is really a housing issue, can it be moved to the Building Department? The Commission must understand where the vulnerable populations are going to go. Dr. Katz wants to be realistic in terms of expectations. This is $33 million in cuts, and the Health Department only serves vulnerable populations. The goal is certainly to mitigate all possible cuts but this is just not possible with $33 million in cuts. Commissioner Waters said this is what Dr. Katz has to help the Commission understand so that commissioners feel ethical when they make their decisions.

Follow Up

- Staff will provide Commission with protocols for public health nurses and the definition of case management.
- Health Commission Secretary will schedule a special Health Commission meeting on Tuesday, February 26, 2008, 3:00 p.m. for the purposes or discussing the budget.
- Staff will link the budget proposal to the budget principles the Health Commission adopted on November 13, 2007.
- Staff will identify when there are other existing services that can help mitigate Health Department cuts.
- Staff will identify any other mitigating factors to cuts and help the Commission understand where the vulnerable populations would go if the cuts were to be implemented.

5) OTHER BUSINESS

None.

6) COMMISSIONER REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

7) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

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(Health Commission and DPH Staff)
**Proposed Budget*

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1) CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Illig called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

Present: Commissioner James M. Illig, President
Commissioner Sonia E. Melara, MSW, Vice President
Commissioner Edward A. Chow, M.D. – left at 6:00 p.m.
Commissioner David J. Sanchez, Jr., Ph.D.
Commissioner Steven Tierney, Ed.D. – left at 6:00 p.m.
Commissioner Catherine M. Waters, R.N., Ph.D.

Absent: Commissioner Margine A. Sako

2) GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael Petrelis asked for public meetings about a recently released Swiss study. There needs to be a discussion at the HIV Prevention Planning Council.

4) PROPOSED BUDGET: HEALTH COMMISSION DISCUSSION WITH DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF

Mayor Newsom addressed the Commission. As of today, San Francisco's budget deficit today is $251 million. The budget challenges are real and honest and we have to address them in a spirit of cooperation. He also emphasized that even given the cuts, San Francisco will still be spending

more money than ever on the health needs of San Franciscans and investing in things that unite this city, such as universal health care, HIV/AIDS funding and mental health funding.

Commissioner Illig said he and Commissioner Melara met with Nani Colloretti, the Mayor's Budget Director, and she confirmed the information that the Mayor conveyed. Commissioner Illig said the Health Department is going to be asked to submit another $12 million in cuts to meet the targets. And once the State budget is better known the Mayor's Budget Office may ask the Health Department for additional cuts.

Commissioner Illig suggested that the Commission discuss those proposed reductions and see if consensus could be reached on various reductions. Commissioner Illig emphasized that no action will be taken at this meeting; this is just an attempt to get a sense of how to proceed. The Health Commission will take action next week. The Commission discussed each of the proposals, through the reduction of Health at Home (F12). The remainder of the proposals will be discussed at the next meeting.

Proposed Budget Reductions

Tier	Item	Div	Description	Net GF	Commission Comments
1	F1	GH	Workers Comp Clinic Closure	(736,453)	OK
1	F3 New	GH	8-Hour Per Day Reduction in OR Time	(1,052,760)	OK
1	F5 New	CBHS	Clinic Director Consolidation	(1,193,175)	OK
1	F7 New	EMSA	Senior Disaster Registry	(108,283)	OK
1	F8 New	GH	Move Young Adults to HSF	(1,834,822)	OK
1	F9 New	LHH	Clarendon Hall Closure - Annual value	(2,300,000)	OK
1	F11 New	GH	Transfer of Gonorrhea and Chlamydia Testing from SFGH Clinical Laboratory to DPH Public Health Laboratory	(28,341)	OK
1	F15 New	CBHS	Removal of Capitation Mechanism in the Assertive Community Treatment programs	(100,000)	OK
1	F17 New	Health Promotion	Shape Up San Francisco	(159,467)	OK

1	F21 New	HUH	SRO Collaborative	(333,000)	DPH to explore with DBI the possibility of DBI increasing fees to cover the activities funded through BOS addbacks. Also requested more information about the services funded by the addbacks.
1	F22 New	PC	Hygiene funding for shelters	(300,000)	OK
1	F23 New	CBHS	Job training and outreach for youth	(80,000)	OK (ask DCYF to take on these activities)
1	F24 New	PC	Medical Patch for Senior Adult Day Health Program	(40,000)	OK
1	F25 New	SA - Sheriff	Roads to Recovery and Post Release Education Program	(133,000)	OK
1	F26 New	Environ mental Health	Asthma Task Force	(102,000)	OK
1	F27 New	LHH	Nurse Staffing and HR position substitutions	(11,720)	OK
1	F29 New	HAH	Sale of the building on Onondaga where HAH is located	(1,000,000)	OK
1	F31 New	STD	Reduction of selective STD testing for persons over 30	(145,000)	OK
2	F2	GH	Oral Surgery Clinic Reduction in Hours of Operation	(420,724)	OK
2	F4 New	HAH	Elimination of Chronic Care Public Health Nursing Program	(2,166,295)	No consensus. Asked for further information: 1) the potential to do a new staffing model; 2) value of savings of eliminating vacant positions only; 3) talk with DAAS to see if they can get a higher reimbursement rate than TCM; 4) what

					is the placement plan for the nurses added through the MOU.
2	F6 New	CBHS	Buster's Place	(1,000,000)	OK
2	F10 New	LHH	Reduce LHH beds from 935 to 780 to meet rebuild bed capacity	(1,758,024)	OK
2	F13 New	CBHS	Provide mental Health services only to uninsured persons with serious mental illness	(1,346,428)	OK
2	F18 New	CBHS	Residential treatment for paralyzed gunshot victims	(150,000)	OK
2	F19 New	CBHS	Reduce Bayview Health Initiative	(250,000)	OK
2	F20 New	AIDS	Sex Worker Program	(75,000)	OK
2	F30 New	CBHS-SA	Buprenorphine Acquisition Offset by Reduction of Adult Residential and Outpatient Slots	(1,315,920)	OK
3	F12 New	HAH	Reduction of Health At Home Program	(1,083,859)	How many patients are wound care and could go to 4C.
3	F14 New	CBHS	Fifteen Percent General Fund reduction in Community Programs Services	(9,284,775)	
3	F28 New	AIDS	Reduction in HIV Health Services	(4,200,000)	This proposal was not discussed but the Commission asked for more information about how the Controller is handling the $4.8 million Ryan White backfill.
	F16 New	Dept Wide	Administrative and Operating Reductions	(500,000)	

Public Comment

Nancy Rubin – she submitted a letter regarding the budget problem Edgewood is having with the contract with the Department of Public Health, for which adequate funding has not been included in the FY 08-09 budget. She will use all opportunities to advocate for the kids served by the residential treatment program (letter on file in the Health Commission Office).

Marie Jobling, Long Term Care Coordinating Council, said the LTCCC is very concerned about the Health Department's budget. She asked the Health Department to make a presentation to the LTCCC at its March 13th meeting.

Mark Stanford, SEIU 1021, hoped to learn more about the 15 percent reduction in community program budget. Also, the Commission must remember that when substance abuse beds are cut they do not come back.

5) OTHER BUSINESS

None.

6) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

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**Minutes of the meeting of February 19, 2008*

2b) PROPOSED ACTION: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF FEBRUARY 26, 2008
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(Commissioner Steven Tierney, Ed.D.)

For Approval

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** Contract summary, Monitoring report summaries, Client demographic information form*

For Discussion and Approval

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** Request memo, List of providers*

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** Request memo*

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** Contract summary, Monitoring report, Victim Compensation Connection [January 2008], Client demographic information form*

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**Letter from PU C, MOU*

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5) **FOR DISCUSSION:** **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
(Mitchell H. Katz, M.D., Director of Health)
(Report on activities and operations of the Department)
**Director's Report*

6) **FOR DISCUSSION:** **HEARING TO CONSIDER THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S MID YEAR BUDGET REDUCTIONS ELIMINATING OR REDUCING MEDICAL SERVICES (BEILENSON HEARING)**
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7) **FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:** **FY 2008-2009 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH BUDGET AND CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING SUBMISSION OF THE BUDGET**
(Mitchell H. Katz, M.D., Health Director)
**Budget, Resolution*

8) **OTHER BUSINESS****

9) **COMMISSIONER REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

10) **ADJOURNMENT**

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Commissioners' Comments

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(3.12) BHS – Request for approval of a retroactive new sole source contract with UCSF Trauma Recovery Center, in the amount of $1,170,400, which includes a 12%, to provide mental health and case management services for victims of violence, for the period of December 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 (7 mos).

(3.13) CHN-Patient Interpreting Services – Request for approval of a new contract with Pacific Interpreters, in the amount of $168,000, which includes a 12% contingency, to provide 24/7 access to telephone-based interpreters for the Department of Public Health, for the period of April 1, 2008 through April 30, 2009 (13 mos).

(3.14) SFGH – Request for approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission for the SFGH Emergency Generator and Energy Efficiency Project.

Action Taken: The Commission approved the Budget Committee Consent Calendar.

4) GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael Petrilis asked the commission to televise its hearings. He (check tape).

5) DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mitchell H. Katz, M.D., submitted the Director's Report after the conclusion of Item 6.

Municipal Fiscal Advisory Committee (MFAC) Award
The Department of Public Health is pleased to report that Judith Klain, Director of Project Homeless Connect, has been awarded one of the prestigious Municipal Fiscal Advisory Committee (MFAC) Public Managerial Excellence Awards.

Judith has been the hands-on director of Project Homeless Connect since its inception in September 2004. Judith manages a staff of 10 professionals who, working together, produce the highly successful Homeless Connect program, cultivating participation from City employees, 250 community non-profits and nearly 300 corporations. Because PHC relies on volunteers, it takes strong leadership and excellent communication skills to attract and maintain the large volunteer base needed for these unique outreach programs. Judith and her team have been able to attract and train over 14,000 community volunteers to 18 PHC events that have helped to improve access to services and housing for over 20,000 homeless San Franciscans. The streamlined approach effectively decreases the cost of care to the system, allowing us to treat more people. Judith has performed exemplary work in developing PHC from an experiment into a vital and rewarding project that has become a best practices model in over 130 communities worldwide. We are proud of the work that Judith has done and thank her for her tireless leadership and efforts on behalf of homeless people everywhere.

From Institution to Community: Laguna Honda awarded California Endowment Grant
Laguna Honda has been awarded a $58,000 grant this month from the California Endowment to help fund its on-going cultural competency initiative. Spearheaded by the hospital's Department of Education and Training, the initiative is a centerpiece of the hospital's organizational transition to a new operating model and a new facility in 2009 that will move the hospital from "institution to community." The grant-funded initiative is a one-year project to develop training, job descriptions, performance appraisals, policy revisions, and resident rights documents that reflect culturally effective healthcare values.

Ocean Park Health Center Observes Diabetes Day
In collaboration with San Francisco Health Plan, Ocean Park Health Center recently hosted its first Diabetes Day. The Center's one-stop-shopping model effectively brought in patients who had fallen behind in or fallen out of care and made use of the recently implemented i2i Tracks diabetes registry to carry out population based outreach. All patients received diabetic foot screening, lab draws, a visit with the provider, and immunizations. A nutritionist staffed a healthy snacks table and provided information on diet and healthy eating habits. Volunteer UCSF pharmacy students discussed with patients medication reconciliation and adherence. Eye screening services were provided by the EyeVan and a local optometrist and a community volunteer masseuse was present

to provide free massages. We applaud the efforts of the organizers who are taking an active role in helping patients identify areas where prevention and treatment are essential to maintaining good health. This event was well attended and well received.

Visiting Russian Delegation Learn about Tobacco Free Project
A delegation of 13 high level Russian health professionals touring the U.S. to learn more about tobacco control models and interventions visited the Department of Public Health's Tobacco Free Project last month. Staff from the program provided an overview of the Tobacco Free Project and staff from the Newcomer Health Program's Sunset Russian Tobacco Control Project also were on hand to greet the delegation and present their experiences and programs within the City's Russian community. The delegation enjoyed the opportunity to meet and talk with staff and residents from Russia. The Tobacco Free and the Newcomers' Health Projects are units within the Community Health Education and Health Promotion Sections.

6) HEARING TO CONSIDER THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S MID YEAR BUDGET REDUCTIONS ELIMINATING OR REDUCING MEDICAL SERVICES (BEILENSON HEARING)

President Illig, with his colleagues' concurrence, moved the Beilenson Hearing to the beginning of the agenda, after Item 4 but before all other items.

The following mid-year budget cuts were the subject of the Beilenson Hearing:

- Oral Surgery Clinic Reduction in Hours of Operation at SFGH
- 8-Hour per Day Reduction in OR Time at SFGH
- Elimination of Chronic Care Public Health Nursing Program
- Mental Health Clinic Director Consolidation
- Closure of Buster's Place Drop-In Center

Public Comment

Mark Bernstein, M.D., is opposed to cutting Sunset Mental Health clinic director. (Dr. Bernstein submitted a written copy of his testimony.)

Ed Machtinger, M.D., spoke against cutting the director at Center for Special Problems (CSP).

Norma del Rio read a letter from Pat Putney opposed to cuts at Health at Home (on file in the Health Commission Office).

Andre Cisnes spoke against cuts to Health at Home.

Norma del Rio spoke against cuts to Health at Home. (Ms. del Rio submitted a written copy of her testimony.)

Melissa Pierson spoke against cuts to the CSP director.

Jaime Rush, AIDS Legal Referral Panel, spoke against budget cuts.

Abdalla Megahed spoke against budget cuts.

Maria Enriquez-Leach spoke against cuts to mental health clinic directors.

Roy Crew spoke against budget cuts.

David Joseph Carpenter spoke against cuts to mental health clinic director.

Donna McCarter spoke against cutting CSP clinic director.

CW Johnson spoke against cutting mental health clinic directors.

Nan O'Connor, CSP, spoke against cutting CSP clinic director.

Daniel Ip, Co-Chair, Asian Mental Health Task Force, spoke against cutting the director at Sunset Mental Health.

Dr. Maggi Rubenstein, Harvey Milk Democratic Club, spoke against cuts to clinic director at CSP.

Ellen Hammerle, Catholic Charities/CYO Rita da Cascia, spoke against eliminating the clinic director at CSP.

Ellen Litman spoke against cutting mental health clinic directors.

Nels Erik Jon spoke against cutting the clinic director position at Sunset Mental Health.

Arthur Curry, Office of Self Help, spoke against cutting mental health services.

Julie Graham spoke against the consolidation of mental health clinic directors.

Richard Montantes spoke against cutting the clinic director position at CSP.

Rebecca Schwartz, UCSF/SFGH BAPAC spoke against cutting the clinic director position at CSP.

Katy Davis spoke against cutting the mental health clinic directors.

Hamasch Kianfer spoke against cutting the clinic director position at CSP.

Karena Franses, Positive Health Program, spoke against cutting the clinic director position at CSP.

Mary Lawrence Hicks, Ward 86, spoke against cutting mental health clinic directors.

Silvia Petrin spoke against cuts to Health at Home Chronic Care. Her public health nurse added that Ms. Petrin fell through the cracks and only got services after being connected to Health at Home.

Patricia Olascoaga spoke against cutting Health at Home Chronic Care.

James Keys, Senior Action Network/SF Mental Health Board spoke against cuts to Buster's Place and health cuts.

Jonathan Thunderword spoke against cutting clinic director at CSP.

Hale Thompson, SF Mental Health Board, DPH Transgender Advisory Group and Harvey Milk Club spoke against cutting the mental health clinic directors, particularly at CSP.

Cecilia Chung, Transgender Law Center, spoke against cuts to clinic director at CSP.

Vera Vasey, Sunset Mental Health Services, spoke against cutting the clinic director at Sunset Mental Health. (She submitted a written copy of her testimony.)

Val Robb, RN, Ward 86, spoke against cuts to Health at Home and eliminating leadership positions in our mental health system.

Stephanie Leroux, Family Service Network, spoke against the proposed cuts, specifically cutting the clinic director at CSP.

Colleen Rivecca, MSW, spoke against cutting Buster's Place.

Patrick Monk, RN, spoke against all and any cuts to health and human services.

Daya Johnson, San Francisco State, spoke against cutting the clinic director position at CSP and cuts to mental health.

Rev. Glenda Hope, San Francisco Network Ministries, spoke against all cuts, in particular Buster's Place.

Dana Chaycomb spoke against closing Health at Home Chronic Care.

Maryanne Mock, Southeast Child/Family Therapy, spoke against cuts to the mental health clinic directors.

Ines Ascencio, Southeast Child/Family Therapy, spoke against cutting mental health clinic directors.

Carol Mo, Sunset Neighborhood Beacon Center, read a letter opposing mid-year budget cuts, specifically cutting the clinic director position at Sunset Mental Health. (The letter is on file in the Health Commission Office.)

Jeannie Little, Tenderloin Health, spoke against cutting Buster's Place.

Jennifer Friedenbach, Coalition on Homelessness, asked the Commission to take Buster's Place off the mid-year budget cut list to allow for the 90-day planning process to complete its work.

James Chionsini, Healthcare Action Team, spoke against cuts to chronic care nurses and closing Buster's Place.

Laura Guzman, Mission Neighborhood Resource Center, spoke against closing Buster's Place.

Julie Leadbetter, Mission Neighborhood Resource Center, spoke against closing Buster's Place.

Kevin Jefferson, ILRCSF, said the cuts drastically reduce community support for people with disabilities to live in the community.

Benson Nadell, San Francisco Ombudsman, spoke against cuts to Health at Home.

Jaime Carrillo spoke against cutting chronic care nurses.

Lateefah Boykin, Haight Ashbury Free Clinics, spoke against closing Buster's Place and cutting the clinic director at CSP.

Elihu Hernandez, Homeless Advocate, spoke against closing Buster's Place.

Hamilton Holt spoke against CBHS clinic director cuts.

Jenny Wiley, Central City Hospitality House, spoke against mid-year budget cuts.

Tee, CSP, spoke against cutting mental health clinic directors.

Maxine Doogan, Harvey Milk Club, spoke against cuts to mental health clinic directors?" And she submitted a sunshine ordinance immediate disclosure request.

Estella Garcia, Instituto, spoke against cutting mental health clinic directors.

Larry Bevan, SEIU shop steward, spoke against cuts to home health care, mental health and other services that help people live in the community.

Margaret Baran, Director IHSS Consortium, said do not cut programs like chronic care nurses until there is a plan on how to deliver these services.

Alan Cohen spoke against cuts to substance abuse, mental health and HIV services.

Written Public Comment

Petition opposing elimination of the Health at Home Chronic Care Program.

Meredith Reddock – do not cut mental health program directors.

Ying Zhang-Chiu – these cuts will impair the functions of clinics and client care.

Sunset Neighborhood Beacon – opposed to cutting the clinic director at Sunset Mental Health Services.

Barry Stebbins – opposed to cuts at Health at Home Chronic Care program.

Terrie Frye, Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club – opposed to cutting the clinic director position at CSP.

Cynthia Brown, R.N., Health at Home – opposed to closing the PHN Chronic Care program at Health at Home.

Janny Tam, R.N. – opposed to cutting the Chronic Care Program.

Raul Reyes, R.N., Sunset Mental Health Services, opposed to cutting the clinic director at Sunset Mental Health.

Commissioners' Comments

- Commissioner Illig said the city is facing a $251 million deficit. The Mayor's has told every department that it must cut a certain percentage from its budget. Commissioner Illig believes strongly that the Health Department should not be subject to the same level of cuts as other departments, and this is the message that he will take to the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors. He encouraged members of the public to do the same.

- Commissioner Tierney said one of the Health Commission's budget principles is to first make sure that cuts to programs and services do not impact vulnerable populations. It seems to him that Buster's Place, the public health nurses and clients Center for Special Populations compel commissioners join the public at the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor's Office.

7) FY 2008-2009 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH BUDGET AND CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING SUBMISSION OF THE BUDGET

Gregg Sass, DPH Chief Financial Officer, presented a budget update. He said that an additional mid-year budget reduction, closure of the Bridge to Wellness Program, is being considered. He will bring detailed information to the next Health Commission meeting. This closure would be subject to a Beilenson hearing.

Follow Up

- Commissioner Tierney said that staff's future report on the Bridge to Wellness program include information about whether there is any cultural and linguistic clustering of clients that would be affected by the closure and making sure we have a plan that is respectful of this.

- Commissioner Chow asked that the subsequent report also include a clarification on how the Bridge to Wellness program is linked to the Joint Commission survey.

- Commissioner Melara said as the Department work within Healthy San Francisco we need to look at models that work with the chronic care population using a combination of a health model with a case work model.

- Commissioner Waters asked how many of the Chronic Care patients are ambulatory. Dr. Katz said 70 percent are ambulatory. Commissioner Waters asked what the plans are for 30 percent who cannot get out of the house. They are saving the clinic nurses for a later tier cuts. Some cases may have other alternatives. Commissioner Waters asked if there is flexibility in the MOU for developing a different model for providing chronic care case management that includes public health nurses. Dr. Katz said the nurse MOU proscribes certain nursing positions. But there would be flexibility to design a chronic care model that would include public health nurses.

Public Comment

Jesse Kennedy, Friendship House, spoke against budget cuts to San Francisco treatment centers, including Friendship House.

Cynthia Hoffman, Westside ACT, submitted a letter opposing removal of the capitation rate for the ACT programs. (On file in the Health Commission Office.)

Geraldine Martinez, Friendship House, spoke against cut to treatment services.

Larry Nelson spoke against cuts to substance abuse treatment programs.

Laura Thomas, CARE Council, spoke against cuts to HIV funding.

Kelly Rivera Hart, HIV Care Planning Council, spoke against funding cuts to HIV health services.

Steven Manley, Co-Chair of HIV Health Services Planning Council, spoke against cuts to HIV health services funding.

Mike Smith, Executive Director of AIDS Emergency Fund and Chair of the HIV Providers Network, spoke against cuts to HIV health services.

Mark Stanford, SEIU 1021, spoke against the 15 percent budget cuts to community programs. Any cut will be detrimental to the programs.

Steve Fields, Executive Director of Progress Foundation and co-chair of the Human Services Network, said the across the board number makes it impossible for providers to tell the Commission what the specific impact of the cut would be. He urged the Commission to work with HSN to start a planning process now so we can be better prepared next year for budget reductions.

Sherilyn Adams, Executive Director of Larkin Street Youth Services and co-chair of the Human Services Network, said the cuts to community programs will be devastating to the community.

Jonathan Vernick, Executive Director of Baker Places, said the only time there is a substantive discussion of the entire system of care is at budget time, which is not the right time. Second, there are different interpretations of the reduction to community programs.

Debbi Lerman, Human Services Network, deferred to the clients and the service providers to convey the impact of the cuts to community programs.

Douglas Rhoan, Friendship House spoke against substance abuse cuts. Cutting recovery services does not make sense.

Blake Nemec, St. James Infirmary, spoke against the proposed budget cut to St. James Infirmary.

Ruben Trujillo, Redwood Center, spoke against substance abuse cuts.

Dr. Graeme Hansen, Chairman of the Board at Edgewood Children's Center, spoke about the acuity of the children served by Edgewood. He urged the Commission to help Edgewood get adequate funding.

Matthew Kristinos-Fisher, Redwood Center, spoke against cuts to mental health and substance abuse services.

Richard Chavez, Redwood Center, spoke against cuts to cuts to Redwood Center.

Alan Cohen, Redwood Center, spoke against cuts to treatment services.

Jose Ortega, Redwood Center, spoke against cuts to treatment services and Redwood Center.

Adam Finch, Redwood Center, spoke against treatment cuts and cuts to Redwood Center.

David Scheel, Acceptance Place, spoke against cuts to substance abuse. We need a new source of money.

Brett Andrews, Executive Director of Positive Resource Center, urged the Commission to vote against all proposed cuts.

Nancy Rubin, CEO of Edgewood Center for Children and Families, asked the Health Commission and department to take the leadership on adequately funding the services that Edgewood provides. They need a general fund augmentation of approximately $700,000. She noted that the Edgewood Board of Directors is at tonight's meeting.

Annie Darrow, parent of a child at Edgewood, said Edgewood saved her son's life. Please adequately fund the program.

Diana Pang, Adolescent Health Working Group, said if Healthy Young Adults moves to Healthy San Francisco, please be aware that this can make changes.

Dr. Robin Randall, Medical Director at Edgewood, said their residential treatment program is the final safety net for San Francisco's children.

Rick Mariano, Edgewood Boardmember, said the Health Department needs to add adequate funding for their programs. The fee that the City pays does not equal the cost to provide services. Other counties have agreed to pay these fees.

Michele Chaboudy, Edgewood Boardmember, said Edgewood has unbelievable success stories but it is a complicated path. This year Edgewood faces a deficit in its residential program and please fund these services.

Heather Nelson Brame, Edgewood, spoke in support of residential programs at Edgewood. This is a life-saving resource for our most vulnerable children.

Jimmy Loyce, Executive Director of the Black Coalition on AIDS, said there is no good outcome from the proposed cuts. If we reduce San Francisco general fund, federal funds are at risk.

Patrick Regan, CVE, spoke against cuts to vocational services, which in the long run save the city money.

Stephanie Ashley, St. James Infirmary, spoke against cuts to the clinic. The clinic provides very unique services.

Kavoos Bassiri, Executive Director of RAMS, spoke against the cuts to community programs.

Jacob Moody, Executive Director of Bayview Hunters Point Community Services, said that there is a real lack of clarity of what the 15% cut means. For BVHPCS it could mean that 140 clients do not get served. Also, all the money that was allocated to address health disparities in Bayview is gone.

Angie Baker, Larkin Street Youth Services, spoke against the HIV health services budget cuts.

Reverend Deborah Benedict spoke about problems she is experiencing at a Baker Places program.

Charles Siron asked the Commission to be an advocate for the people for health services.

Manuel Mena, Mission Mental Health, said service cuts impact the most vulnerable populations, including the monolingual populations.

Eve Meyer, San Francisco Suicide Prevention, spoke against cuts to community mental health services.

George Duvoisin, HIV/AIDS Nightline, spoke against the HIV health services budget cuts.

Yalif Fonda, St. James Infirmary, spoke against cuts to the program.

Margot Baran, IHSS Consortium and member of the Long Term Care Coordinating Council, said San Francisco continues to cut services to the home community. How is San Francisco going to get out of the cycle of institutional care?

Marie Jobling, co-chair of the Long Term Care Council, said there must be sufficient funding for services that keep people in the community. Laguna Honda is being downsized but funding is not following into the community.

Jennifer Friedenbach, Coalition on Homelessness, provided additional information about Buster's Place.

Richard Heasley, Executive Director of Conard House, spoke against cuts to community programs. (He submitted written copy of his testimony, on file in the Health Commission Office.)

Mary Lawrence Hicks, Positive Health Program, spoke against cuts to HIV Health Services.

Hilary Klein, SRO Families Collaborativve, spoke against cuts to the SRO collaboratives.

Lochlan McCale, Larkin Street Youth Services, said the budget cuts will impact the services.

Mai Nguyen, psychology intern at RAMS, asked the commission to oppose the budget cuts.

Written Public Comment

Norma Satten, supporting programs that keep people in the community rather than in institutions.

Dionicio Aguilar – a lot of clients at different clinics will suffer and the city will have more problems than now.

Lara Arguelles – Mental health is the easiest victim; do not cut the budget for poor people and mentally ill people.

Stephanie Courtney – opposed to budget reductions.

Robert Bernardo, Redwood Center – opposed to budget cuts. They will not help people off the streets.

Elizabeth Barnes – opposed to cuts to mental health services.

Jeffrey Auman – opposed to any budget cuts. All people are deserving of equal care.

David Pena – opposed to cuts to services to the homeless, the poor and the mentally ill.

Vicki Weslan – the tsunami that will follow the cuts will harm all.

John-Michael Collins – opposed to a 30% reduction to Health at Home.

Robert Streiff – opposed to a 30% reduction to Health at Home.

George Simmons, Catholic Charities/CYO – opposed to a 40% cut to HIV services.

Commissioners' Comments

- Commissioner Waters made a statement: According to the American Public Health Association, Institute of Medicine, National Institutes of Health, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and other notable public health entities, the mission of public health is to promote physical and mental health and prevent disease, injury and disability of individuals, families, populations, systems, institutions and communities. Budget cuts are difficult and painful. There is no magical formula. These cuts, so we have been told, are inevitable and indispensable. The reduction and elimination of these health programs may prove to be detrimental to the public's health of San Francisco. Scientific research supports this. Diplomacy and democracy are about differences, which are bound to explode once disparate sides of society are free to speak and make demands. We have heard arguments from these disparate sides and we have listened with diligence and in earnest. I am supporting reluctantly to give my "rubber stamp" on these budget cuts, which I feel are immoral and irresponsible. Some would question the use of morality in decisions and dismiss it as naïve, but I still think morality has a place in decision-making, especially when it involves the safety of the public's health. Others would argue that we are moral beings, but they don't think that life itself has an absolute moral purpose. I am in voting for this resolution to embrace the spirit of togetherness, which feels like a marriage of convenience on a slippery slope. Now we wait. In the words of the poet Kay Ryan, "waiting is sustainable, a place with its own harvest." Let's just hope it will be a good wait—one without destabilization of the public's health.

- Commissioner Illig said the Health Commission has discussed $14.3 million in reductions that it can reluctantly approve toward the $28 million target. This includes the mid-year cuts as well as a number of the FY 08-09 budget reduction proposals.

- Commissioner Chow said that the resolution forwards the first level of cuts that the Commission can support at this time, but he does not want to give the impression that this completes the budget. More proposed cuts will be presented, some of which have already been discussed, including proposed cuts to HIV Health Services, mental health, substance abuse and others.

- Commissioner Melara asked when the remainder of the cuts that have already been discussed will be revisited. She suggested including the reduction of the chronic care nursing program in this resolution, because there have been extensive discussions about this issue. Dr. Katz said the chronic care nursing program is a mid-year cut identified by the Mayor, slated to be implemented on April 15th, so it makes sense for the Commission to weigh in on this proposed reduction before implementation. Commissioner Melara proposed an amendment to add this to the list of reductions.

- Commissioner Waters is uncomfortable with this because a number of the people who spoke about the Chronic Care Nursing Program are no longer at the meeting and they should get proper notice on the proposed reductions. Dr. Katz said this program is included as a cut on the Beilenson notice and the agenda notices an action item on the budget. Dr. Katz suggested also adding Department-wide administrative reductions, at a value of $850,000. Commissioner Chow added that these items are properly part of the Commission's

continuum of its public budget discussions. Commissioner Sanchez noted that the ethics training emphasized the need to inform the public about actions that are going to be taken.

Action Taken: The Commission (Chow, Illig, Melara, Sako voting aye; Sanchez, Tierney, Waters voting no) approved an amendment to the resolution adding the elimination of the Chronic Care Public Health Nursing Program and the Department-wide Administrative Reductions to the list of budget cuts.

Action Taken: The Commission (Chow, Illig, Melara, Sako voting aye; Sanchez, Tierney, Waters voting no) approved Resolution #06-08, "Approving Selected Fiscal Year 2007/2007 Mid-Year Cuts and Reduction Initiatives for the Department of Public Health for Fiscal year 2008/2009, and Urging the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to Develop Strategies for Avoiding Serious Cuts to the County's Health Safety Net Services," (Attachment A).

Follow Up/Request for Information

- Commissioner Sako asked how the providers would be informed about the details of the 15% reduction to Community Programs. Ms. Garcia said they would be meeting with agencies one on one as well as through the Human Services Network. They want to be mindful of the residential programs. They also want to work with the organization as a whole, rather than program by program.

- Commissioner Illig asked staff to send agencies a letter detailing the cuts. He also asked that staff sends a letter to HIV service providers clarifying the $4 million proposed general fund reduction, as well as bring clarifying information to the Commission.

- Commissioner Tierney asked staff to bring information about the implication of the new regulations that would be tied to the new federal funding in terms of what we can and cannot provide with CARE money as opposed to general fund.

- Commissioner Melara is concerned that someone who works for the Department is telling clients that their services are being cut. She is not against empowering clients to be here if they do it of there own free will with correct information, and she feels based on some of the testimony that clients did not have accurate information. She is also concerned that we provide interpreters for large meeting such as these because she heard the translation to be completely different from what the person testifying was saying.

- Commissioner Chow asked for further discussions with DBI to see why the other three collaboratives are not reaching the families that live in SROs.

8) OTHER BUSINESS

None.

9) COMMISSIONER REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

10) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Michele M. Seaton

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Health Commission Executive Secretary

HEALTH COMMISSION
City and County of San Francisco
Resolution No. 06-08

APPROVING SELECTED FISCAL YEAR 2007/2008 MID-YEAR CUTS AND REDUCTION INITIATIVES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008/09, AND URGING THE MAYOR AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO DEVELOP STRATEGIES FOR AVOIDING SERIOUS CUTS TO THE COUNTY'S HEALTH SAFETY NET SERVICES

WHEREAS, the City and County of San Francisco is facing a $233 million dollar shortfall for fiscal year 2008-09 and the Mayor's Budget Office has required that the Department reduce its utilization of General Fund by 8% or $28.1million; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Budget Office has requested the Department implement mid-year cuts to help address next year's shortfall; and,

WHEREAS, the Department used the budget principles adopted by this Health Commission to construct the least harmful budget cuts possible; and,

WHEREAS, the Health Commission held a budget public hearing on February 19, 2008 and a Beilenson hearing on the proposed mid-year reductions on March 4, 2008, and also held a special meeting on February 26, 2008 to review the Mid-Year cuts and 2008/09 reductions; and,

WHEREAS, early implementation of mid-year cuts save $1.5 million in current year General Fund and generates total savings of $2.7 million in General Fund compared to a September implementation of the 2008/09 budget, thereby preserving other core public health services ; and,

WHEREAS, the Health Commission has discussed $14.3 million in FY08-09 reductions that it could reluctantly approve towards the $28.1 million target; and,

WHEREAS, significant additional work will be required to identify additional reductions in the Departments use of General Fund and meet the reduction targets; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Health Commission approves the implementation of mid-year cuts and the submission of select Fiscal Year 2008/09 reductions, which are detailed on the attached listing; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Health Commission is deeply concerned about the extent of reductions proposed and the potential impact on the Department's ability to provide the wide range of services critical to fulfilling the mission of the Department; and, be it

Attachment A

HEALTH COMMISSION
City and County of San Francisco
Resolution No. ____06-08__ (Cont'd.)

FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the City cannot identify enough new revenue to prevent reductions, the Health Commission strongly urges the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to preferentially protect health and human services over other services funded by the City and County.

I hereby certify that the San Francisco Health Commission at its meeting of March 4, 2008 adopted the foregoing resolution.

Michele M. Seaton

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Executive Secretary to the Health Commission

Div	Description	Net GF 2007-08	Net GF 2008-09
REDUCTIONS			
GH	Workers Comp Clinic Closure	$ (214,799)	$ (736,453)
GH	8-Hour Per Day Reduction in OR Time	(219,205)	(1,052,760)
CBHS	Clinic Director Consolidation	(248,442)	(1,193,175)
EMSA	Senior Disaster Registry	(22,547)	(108,283)
GH	Move Young Adults to HSF		(1,834,822)
LHH	Clarendon Hall Closure - Annual value		(2,300,000)
GH	Transfer of Gonorrhea and Chlamydia Testing from SFGH Clinical Laboratory to DPH Public Health Laboratory		(28,341)
CBHS	Removal of Capitation Mechanism in the Assertive Community Treatment programs		(100,000)
Health Promotion	Shape Up San Francisco		(159,467)
PC	Hygiene funding for shelters		(300,000)
CBHS	Job training and outreach for youth		(80,000)
PC	Medical Patch for Senior Adult Day Health Program		(40,000)
SA - Sheriff	Roads to Recovery and Post Release Education Program		(133,000)
Environmental Health	Asthma Task Force		(102,000)
LHH	Nurse Staffing and HR position substitutions		(11,720)
HAH	Sale of the building on Onondaga where HAH is located		(1,000,000)
STD	Reduction of selective STD testing for persons over 30		(145,000)
GH	Oral Surgery Clinic Reduction in Hours of Operation	(87,603)	(420,724)
CBHS	Buster's Place	(244,964)	(1,000,000)

LHH	Reduce LHH beds from 935 to 780 to meet rebuild bed capacity		(1,758,024)
CBHS	Provide mental Health services only to uninsured persons with serious mental illness		(1,346,428)
CBHS	Residential treatment for paralyzed gunshot victims		(150,000)
CBHS	Reduce Bayview Health Initiative		(250,000)
AIDS	Sex Worker Program		(75,000)
HAH	Elimination of Chronic Care Public Health Nursing Program	(451,064)	(2,166,295)
Admin	Administrative and Operating Reductions		(850,000)
TOTAL		**$ (1,488,624)**	**$ (17,341,492)**

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AGENDA

HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING

[redacted]

Tuesday, March 18, 2008
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The Budget Committee of the Commission will consider the consent calendar on this agenda at 2:00 p.m. at 101 Grove. The Budget Committee Consent Calendar consists of two sections. The first section is for items that will be considered for approval. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the Budget Committee so requests. The second section consists of items that will be for discussion and approval.

Consent Calendar items that have been recommended for approval by the Budget Committee will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Health Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the Health Commission so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered as a separate item.

PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE TAKEN FOR EACH ITEM

1) **CALL TO ORDER**

2) **PROPOSED ACTION:** **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF MARCH 4, 2008**
**Minutes of the meeting of March 4, 2008*

3) **PROPOSED ACTION:** **APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE**
(Commissioner Steven Tierney, Ed.D.)

For Approval

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** Resolution request memo*

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4) GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

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(Mitchell H. Katz, M.D., Director of Health)
(Report on activities and operations of the Department)
**Director's Report*

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D) Reconvene in Open Session

1. Possible Report on Action Taken in Closed Session (Government Code Section 54957.1(a)2 and San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(b)(2).)

2. Vote to Elect Whether to Disclose Any or All Discussions Held in Closed Session. (San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(a).) (Action Item)

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B) Vote on Whether to Hold a Closed Session (San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.11)

C) Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 and San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.10(d)

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1. Possible Report on Action Taken in Closed Session (Government Code Section 54957.1(a)2 and San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(b)(2).)

10) OTHER BUSINESS**

11) COMMISSIONER REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

12) ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES

HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, March 18, 2008
At
3:00 p.m.
101 GROVE STREET, ROOM 300 or ROOM 302
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1) CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Illig called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

Present: Commissioner James M. Illig, President
Commissioner Edward A. Chow, M.D.
Commissioner Margine A. Sako
Commissioner David J. Sanchez, Jr., Ph.D.
Commissioner Steven Tierney, Ed.D.
Commissioner Catherine M. Waters, R.N., Ph.D.

Absent: Commissioner Sonia E. Melara, MSW, Vice President

2) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF MARCH 4, 2008

Action Taken: The Commission (Chow, Illig, Sako, Sanchez, Tierney, Waters) approved the minutes of the March 4, 2008 Health Commission meeting.

3) APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

Commissioner Tierney chaired and Commissioner Chow attended the Budget Committee meeting.

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Secretary's Note – Item 3.6 and Item 3.7 were presented together.

Commissioners' Comments

- Commissioner Chow asked why Protransport's rates are higher than Angotti's. Sharon Kwong, DPH, said since the budget summary documents were prepared the contract with Protransport was renegotiated and their rates are the same as the rates for Angotti.

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Commissioner Tierney announced that the Commission will be discussing changes to Budget Committee procedures. One change is that agencies that have contracts on the Approval section of the agenda will not need to send a representative to the meeting. The second change is to develop a report of best practices and have selected contractors present these best practices at meetings. The Commission is working out the logistics of these changes, which will be presented at a future meeting.

Action Taken: The Commission (Chow, Illig, Sako, Sanchez, Tierney, Waters) approved the Budget Committee Consent Calendar.

4) GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

5) DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Anne Kronenberg, Deputy Director of Health, presented the Director's Report.

Valencia Street Fire
The Department's emergency response team responded to an early evening fire last night in several apartment buildings on Valencia Street that displaced 59 individuals. Of those burned out of the buildings, 21 spent last night at a shelter. A Spanish-speaking DPH staff member is working on site today to assist individuals with prescriptions and other health needs, including assessment for mental health counseling. We will continue to monitor the situation today to determine if additional staff and services are needed. The Human Service Agency and the Red Cross are helping the victims find more permanent housing solutions.

Staff Testifies in Sacramento
The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the California Office of Traffic Safety convened a panel of national experts on Child Passenger Safety in Sacramento recently to assess the California's Occupant Protection for Children Program. Michael Radetsky, DPH Injury Prevention Coordinator, testified about the San Francisco Child Passenger Safety Program that focuses on outreach to low-income, minority communities, such as recent immigrant and refugee families, where English is not the first language. The local program involves community agencies and providers of health services to make sure that infants and children are safely seated in cars. In the past two years, 1896 car seats have been distributed and agencies have conducted 181 educational presentations and done demonstrations and outreach at 32 community fairs.

2008 Crissy Field Center Community Heroes Award
The Crissy Field Center, an urban environmental center, has awarded its 2008 Community Heroes Award to the entire staff of the Children's Environmental Health Promotion unit. The Community Heroes Award honors "the accomplishments, challenges and successes of community members who

work tirelessly to preserve, protect, and raise awareness about our environment." The Children's Environmental Health Promotion unit earned the award as a result of its work with citizen advisory groups and community members to ameliorate the effects of lead, asthma, mold and other issues that affect the health of children and youth in an urban environment, particularly in underserved areas. Congratulations to Karen Cohn, David Lo, Harriet Lem, Joe Walseth, Ihsan DuJaili, Amanda Smith, Karen Yu, Meldy Hernandez, Sarah Saavedra, Haroon Ahmad and Gail Herrick.

Our Community Heroes will be honored in a ceremony at Crissy Field Center on Saturday, May 10, 2008, where a year-long exhibit depicting each of the heroes in life-size photographic portraits and companion digital stories will tell their unique experience about making positive environmental changes.

PBS to Air Unnatural Causes

PBS will be airing California Newsreel's ground breaking series, *Unnatural Causes* starting March 27th. This series describes how the public and certain populations' health and well being are adversely impacted by social and physical factors. California Newsreel worked with national and local county Health Officers in the planning and development of this series, which focuses on non-biological and non -behavioral causes of poor health and disparities.

Four parts are to be shown as follows:
March 27, *In Sickness and in Wealth*
April 3, *When the Bough Breaks* and *Becoming American*
April 10, *Bad Sugar* and *Place Matters*
April 17, *Collateral Damage* and *Not Just a Paycheck*

Public Health Departments, including the San Francisco Department of Public Health and community groups plan to use the video series to address health disparities and to illustrate how to engage in partnerships to reduce the impact of structural, social and environmental determinants of health. DPH pre- screened a segment of the film January 30th in a town hall meeting that focused on ways San Francisco could protect and promote health through land use planning and policy. For more information on the series, go to the website at www.unnaturalcauses.org. For information on DPH activities to promote and use the film as a tool for health equity see the Department's Website at: http://dphwww.sfdph.org/phes/phes_Unnatural_Causes.htm.

Active for Life Program Looking for Team Leaders

The American Cancer Society's Active for Life program is a 10-week, points-based program that allows individual employees to set their own personal exercise goals that get folded into a larger team effort and, ultimately, the Department's goal. Teams compete with other city departments to see whose employees meet and exceed their exercise goals. It's easy, fast and a fun way to get active. Over ten teams from the Department of Public Health competed last year with great success.

The Active for Life program is launching again in May and we are encouraging Department staff to participate by identifying captains and forming teams. If any of the Health Commissioners would like to put together a team, join a team or serve as a team captain, please contact Yete.McMahon@sfdph.org.

Hoarding & Cluttering Seminar

The front page of today's *Chronicle* featured a story on the problem of hoarding and cluttering. Later this evening, the Mental Health Association of San Francisco Institute on Compulsive Hoarding and Cluttering is holding a seminar entitled, "Digging Out: Helping Your Loved One

Manage Clutter, Hoarding and Compulsive Acquiring." Individuals who acquire and fail to discard possessions create safety and health hazards which frequently lead to isolation and homelessness. Compulsive hoarding and cluttering affects many San Francisco residents, regardless of income or housing status. Last year, at least six individuals in San Francisco were evicted as a result of this condition. A Task Force has been formed to help those affected with the disorder and reduce the likelihood of losing housing. The event is being sponsored by the Mental Health Association, Aging and Adult Services and the San Francisco Department of Public Health.

Commissioners' Comments

- Commissioner Sanchez said there have been a series of fires in the Mission corridor over the past 20 years and various groups have expressed concerned about inadequate water pressure in this sector. He asked DPH to work with the PUC to see if the water pressure in this area could be increased. Ms. Kronenberg will follow up.

6) APPROVAL OF THE CLOSURE OF THE BRIDGE TO WELLNESS PROGRAM

Gregg Sass, Chief Financial Officer, presented a Budget Status Update. He gave a combined presentation that covered the proposals in Item 6 and Item 7. Mr. Sass summarized budget revisions that bring the Department closer to a balanced base budget: four changes to revenue projections; one change in structural initiatives; and three additional budget reductions—reduction of vacant positions, DCYF to fund $1.1 million in DPH children's services, and the closure of the Bridge to Wellness Program. Bridge to Wellness is scheduled to close on May 2, 2008. In addition to these budget revisions, there are a number of reduction initiatives that are pending Health Commission approval. Mr. Sass and Dr. Katz provided additional information on these proposals. Dr. Katz said he is looking for Commission feedback about how to achieve the 15% reduction in unmatched general fund for Community Programs. Once the Commission gives policy principles for achieving the cuts the staff will do the technical work and bring a reduction recommendation to the next Health Commission meeting. He is looking for the same policy direction for the HIV Health Services cuts.

Commissioner Illig called for public comment and Commission discussion and action on the Bridge to Wellness Program.

Commissioner Waters abstained from the discussion of and voting on this item.

Public Comment

Kavoos Bassiri, Executive Director of RAMS, said that Bridge to Wellness has accomplished much in the past 14 years and he appreciates the thousands of clients that have been served by the program since 1994. This has been a successful partnership with SFGH.

Commissioners' Comments

- Commissioner Chow supports the fact that the reason for the closure is not because the program was not performing as it should, but because the reimbursement rate made it such that general fund would be needed to supplement the program and alternative services are available. This program has been quite successful.

Action Taken: The Commission (Chow, Illig, Sako, Sanchez, Tierney voting aye, Waters abstained) approved Resolution #07-08, "Approving the Closure of the Bridge To Wellness Program," (Attachment A).

7) FY 2008-2009 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH BUDGET UPDATE AND CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING BUDGET PROPOSALS

See Item 6 for a summary of the staff presentation.

Public Comment

Larry Nelson, Walden House, said cutting residential beds will just exacerbate the long waiting list for beds. Residential beds are housing.

Rod Libbey, CEO of Walden House, said non profits run on very small margins. Cuts should be minimized and agencies would like to know where they stand in terms of specific cuts.

Jason Yerger, National Council on Alcohol and Drug Addiction, asked the Commission to exempt the information center from the 15 percent cut since the services they provide are primary prevention and reject substance abuse cuts.

Arielle Dengrove, National Council on Alcohol and Drug Addiction, asked the Commission to not cut the Council's program, which is prevention.

Pamela San Cristobal, National Council on Alcohol and Drug Addiction, spoke against cuts to substance abuse programs.

Eddy McLary, Director of the Information Center, National Council on Alcohol and Drug Addiction, spoke against cuts to substance abuse services.

Arthur Bosse, Executive Director, National Council on Alcohol and Drug Addiction, spoke against cuts to the Information Center, which provides primary prevention services.

Steve Fields, Executive Director, Progress Foundation, said they have generally supported the across-the-board approach, with some qualifiers: that each agency is allowed to present its approach to cuts and that the cuts are done within previous identified policies.

Jacob Moody, Executive Director of Bayview Hunters Point Foundation for Community Improvement, said he wants the agencies to be able to decide how they implement the cuts.

Jonathan Vernick, Executive Director, Baker Places, said all licensed residential treatment centers should be taken off the cut list.

Eve Meyer, San Francisco Suicide Prevention, spoke against the 15 percent reduction to Community Programs. There are other programs that can be eliminated instead.

Kavoos Bassiri, CEO of RAMS, president of Association of San Francisco Mental Health Contractors, said if the cuts have to happen please allow agencies to direct the process, within certain parameters, to apply the cuts. The department and contractors should sit down and look at the service delivery system.

Ed Melendez, Larkin Street Youth Services, spoke about the impact of the cuts to Community Programs.

Cheryl Barth, Larkin Street Youth Services, spoke about the impact of the cuts to Community Programs. Their other sources of funding are also being jeopardized. They support HSN's position, and knowing the impact of the cuts sooner rather than later.

Megan Corcoran, AIDS Legal Referral Panel, asked the Health Commission to oppose the cuts to HIV health services.

Max Haptonstahl, Mobile Assistance Patrol, spoke against closing Buster's Place and cuts to substance abuse services.

Richard Jimenez, Director of Community Treatment at Walden House, spoke against cutting residential treatment beds.

Jackie Jenks, Executive Director, Central City Hospitality House, expressed support for an across-the-board cuts approach if cuts happen. She spoke about the deep impacts of these cuts.

Elvis Byrd, Central City Hospitality House, Hospitality House, expressed concern about the impact of a 15% cut in Community Programs.

Kenya Hatcher, Program Manager, 6th Street Self-Help Center, spoke about the impact of cuts to Community Programs.

Jenny Wiley, Central City Hospitality House, spoke against the 15% cut to Community Programs and the closure of Buster's Place. Please try to maintain as much of the system as possible.

Michael Badolato, Director of Broderick Street Residential Program, said a 15% reduction in their budget would result in the loss of five staff members who provide services to Broderick's vulnerable population.

Felicia Houston, A Women's Place, said A Women's Place is the only gender specific program of its kind. The program would be impacted by both the Community Program cuts and the cuts to HIV Health Services.

Patrick Regan, CVE, said the budget cuts would have a devastating impact on his agency, at a minimum a 12-month waiting list for clients.

Mike Smith, Executive Director, AIDS Emergency Fund and President of the HIV Providers Network, said the budget proposes a 40% cut in general fund to HIV Health Services. Ask for changes to the formula.

Laura Thomas, co-chair HIV Health Services Planning Council, said the proposed general fund cuts appear to violate maintenance clause of Ryan White CARE Act. Further, HIV Health Services should take the same cut as other Community Programs.

Debbi Lerman, Human Services Network, said if the cuts are implemented, HSN supports an across-the-board approach rather than cuts to certain modalities. Also, we need a planning process that looks at the entire system of care for next year now.

Mark Molnar, co-chair, HIV Health Services Planning Council, said the Planning Council's priorities are currently under review and will not be finalized until next Monday so he asked that the Commission hold off on making a decision about the cuts until the priorities are finalized.

Wai-Ching Kwan said if the SRO Family Collaborative is cut the program is unsustainable.

Tammie Caracter, Program Manager, Central City Hospitality House, asked the Commission to keep their wrap around services open and oppose cuts to any services that help the homeless.

Jeff Mori, Executive Director of Asian American Recovery Services, said people are feeling insecure about the level of support for the system of care. Please allow the people who participated in building the system be in charge of participating in the implementation of the reductions.

Ed Warshauer, SEIU, spoke against the cuts to Health at Home. This cut, in combination with cuts to the Chronic Care program and Buster's Place is devastating. The budget is a citywide problem. We need to fix this structural problem.

Perry Zinnanti, CATS/Redwood Center/Golden Gate for Seniors, spoke against cuts to licensed residential facilities.

Ms. Kronenberg reported out from the Mayor's emergency meeting on the budget, which she just returned from. The budget deficit has gotten worse since originally projected. They are looking at a $350 million shortfall. The Mayor is looking for an additional eight percent salary cut, with proposals due by March 29th.

Commissioners' Comments

- Commissioner Illig said the Health Commission must meet the Mayor's Office target, but also must prioritize the restorations, knowing that the Mayor and the Board are going to want to restore something. He recommended delaying action on HIV Health Services reductions until the next Commission discussion on the budget so that the HIV Planning Council can complete its prioritization,
- Commissioner Tierney asked if there is a master plan for reducing beds at Laguna Honda and serving people in the community. Dr. Katz said that they looked at how many LHH discharges needed home nursing. They found that the major services these clients need is housing and IHSS hours. Home nursing is not the major thing keeping people from leaving Laguna.
- Commissioner Sako asked when Dr. Katz could report back on the impacts of the FY 08-09 budget cuts. Dr. Katz said it will take two to three months to evaluate the impact. He added that one approach is to implement some of the approved cuts earlier than September 1st.
- Commissioner Waters asked, in the event that funding becomes available and some programs could be restored, if there would be data to drive these decisions. Dr. Katz said that is the intent.
- Commissioner Illig proposed taking the $7 million for the COLAs that is in the inflationary budget and deducting this from the cuts that are required for Community Programs and HIV Health Services. Commissioner Illig asked if the Department would be prepared to present the 8% salary reductions to the Health Commission by April 1 and how firm the March 29th deadline is. Dr. Katz said that the Mayor's Office is concerned that Departments and Commissions are not taking the budget cuts seriously and this is not the case with the Health Commission and Health Department. He will convey that the next Health Commission meeting is April 1.

Areas of Agreement/Follow Up

- The resolution will approve all of the items on the reduction spending list expect for Community Programs, HIV and Buprenorphine. (Approved reductions are: SRO Collaborative; reduction of Health at Home Program; administrative reductions/elimination of vacant positions; closure of the Bridge to Wellness Program; request to transfer programs to Children's Baseline.)
- All Community Programs, including HIV Health Services, will be treated equally in terms of the level of cuts.
- The Commission asked for information about the total funding and service categories for the HIV Health Services and the HIV Planning Council's decisions about what goes into CARE.

- Agreed to back out cost of doing business for the CBOs and the UC programs that are scalable and community-based. (Staff to provide the Commission with what is being funded by non-affiliation agreement UC staffing to see what programs and positions are not tied to hospital census.)
- No set asides within Community Programs for prevention and housing.
- More detailed information about reduction of residential treatment slots and the impact of the HIV cut.
- Staff to bring information about what is left in TB, in terms of services provided.
- Dr. Katz will take a look at structural increases at SFGH and LHH to see if these can instead be applied toward the 8% salary reductions.
- The Health Commission will be prioritizing restorations at a future meeting.
- The next Health Commission resolution will include a whereas clause about staff returning to the Health Commission about the impacts of the budget reductions.

Action Taken: The Commission (Chow, Illig, Sako, Sanchez, Tierney, Waters) approved Resolution #08-08, "Approving Selected Reduction Initiatives for the Department of Public Health for Fiscal Year 2008/09," (Attachment B).

8) CLOSED SESSION

A) Public Comments on All Matters Pertaining to the Closed Session

None.

B) Vote on Whether to Hold a Closed Session (San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.11)

The Commission voted to hold a closed session. The Commission went into closed session at 6:45 p.m. Present in closed session were Commissioner Chow, Commissioner Illig, Commissioner Sako, Commissioner Sanchez, Commissioner Tierney, Commissioner Waters, Mitchell H. Katz, M.D., Health Director, John Kanaley, LHH Executive Administrator, Margaret Baumgartner, Deputy City Attorney, Elizabeth Jacobi, DPH Human Resources Director and Michele Seaton, Health Commission Executive Secretary.

C) Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 and San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.10(d)

Action Taken: The Commission (Chow, Illig, Sako, Sanchez, Tierney, Waters) approved settlement of Hill v. City and County of San Francisco, Case No. 458664, in the amount of $55,000

D) Reconvene in Open Session

The Committee reconvened in open session at 6:47 p.m.

1. Possible Report on Action Taken in Closed Session (Government Code Section 54957.1(a)2 and San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(b)(2).)

2. Vote to Elect Whether to Disclose Any or All Discussions Held in Closed Session. (San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(a).)

Action Taken: The Commission (Chow, Illig, Sako, Sanchez, Tierney, Waters) voted not to disclose any discussions held in closed session.

9) CLOSED SESSION

A) Public Comments on All Matters Pertaining to the Closed Session

None.

B) Vote on Whether to Hold a Closed Session (San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.11)

The Commission went into closed session at 6:47 p.m. Present in closed session were Commissioner Chow, Commissioner Illig, Commissioner Sako, Commissioner Sanchez, Commissioner Tierney, Commissioner Waters, Mitchell H. Katz, M.D., Health Director, Ellen Shapiro, Deputy City Attorney, Mark Lipton, Deputy City Attorney, Gene O'Connell, SFGH Executive Administrator, Troy Williams, SFGH Director of Risk Management and Michele Seaton, Health Commission Executive Secretary.

C) Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 and San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.10(d)

Action Taken: The Commission (Chow, Illig, Sako, Sanchez, Tierney, Waters) approved settlement of Weatherspoon v. City and County of San Francisco, Case No. 452083 in the amount of $5,150,000.

D) Reconvene in Open Session

The Committee reconvened in open session at 7:00 p.m.

1. Possible Report on Action Taken in Closed Session (Government Code Section 54957.1(a)2 and San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(b)(2).)

Action Taken: The Commission (Chow, Illig, Sako, Sanchez, Tierney, Waters) voted not to disclose any discussions held in closed session.

10) OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Illig announced that next week's Health Commission meeting will be held at the CHN Administration Building.

11) COMMISSIONER REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

12) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Michele M. Seaton
Health Commission Executive Secretary

HEALTH COMMISSION
City and County of San Francisco
Resolution No. 07-08

APPROVING THE CLOSURE OF THE BRIDGE TO WELLNESS PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Bridge to Wellness program is an outpatient psychiatric service providing intensive outpatient treatment services for clients who exhibit severe or disabling impairments related to an acute or chronic psychiatric or psychological condition or an exacerbation of a severe and persistent mental disorder; and,

WHEREAS, MediCare, the sole payor for the program, reduced its reimbursement of the program by 30 percent, which has resulted in an unstable financial situation for Bridge to Wellness; and,

WHEREAS, the growth of other community programs, particularly outpatient case management services, has significantly changed the landscape since Bridge to Wellness began and there has been an overall reduction in the number of clients accessing the program; and,

WHEREAS, more than two-thirds of current Bridge to Wellness clients already have ongoing psychiatric and other mental health care in addition to Bridge to Wellness and the remaining one-third will be linked to the needed ongoing services before the program closes; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Health Commission approves the closure of the Bridge to Wellness Program.

I hereby certify that the San Francisco Health Commission at its meeting of March 18, 2008 adopted the foregoing resolution.

Michele M. Seaton
Executive Secretary to the Health Commission

HEALTH COMMISSION
City and County of San Francisco
Resolution No. 08-08

APPROVING SELECTED REDUCTION INITIATIVES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008/09

WHEREAS, the City and County of San Francisco is facing a $233 million dollar shortfall for fiscal year 2008-09 and the Mayor's Budget Office has required that the Department reduce its utilization of General Fund by 8% or $28.1million; and,

WHEREAS, on March 4 the Health Commission, via Resolution 06-08, reluctantly approved budget reduction initiatives totaling $17.3 million that have been forwarded to the Mayor's Budget Office; and

WHEREAS, the Health Commission held hearings and had discussions on other proposed reduction initiatives and will continue to do so until the $28.1 million target reduction is reached; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Health Commission reluctantly approves the submission of the following Fiscal Year 2008/09 reductions: SRO Collaboratives; reduction of Health at Home program; administrative reductions/elimination of vacant positions; closure of the Bridge to Wellness Program; and requested transfer of programs to Children's Baseline, for a total of $4,830,221; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Health Commission reiterates its concern about the extent of the reductions and the potential impact on the Department's ability to provide the wide range of services critical to fulfilling the mission of the Department.

I hereby certify that the San Francisco Health Commission at its meeting of March 18, 2008 adopted the foregoing resolution.

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HEALTH COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday, March 25, 2008*
At
2:00 p.m.
CHN Administration Building, Room 2002
2789 25th Street
San Francisco, CA 94102

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***THIS IS A SPECIAL MEETING. PLEASE NOTE THE MEETING DATE, TIME AND LOCATION.**

1) **CALL TO ORDER**

2) **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

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3) **FOR DISCUSSION: HEALTH COMMISSION STRUCTURE**

THIS ITEM IS FOR DISCUSSION ONLY. NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN.

4) **OTHER BUSINESS****

5) **ADJOURNMENT**

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HEALTH COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING

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1) CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Illig called the meeting to order at 2:20 p.m.

Present: Commissioner James M. Illig, President
Commissioner Sonia E. Melara, MSW, Vice President
Commissioner Edward A. Chow, M.D.
Commissioner Margine A. Sako
Commissioner Steven Tierney, Ed.D.
Commissioner Catherine M. Waters, R.N., Ph.D.

Absent: Commissioner David J. Sanchez, Jr., Ph.D.

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2) GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3) HEALTH COMMISSION STRUCTURE

Commissioners discussed possible changes to the Health Commission structure in order to improve governance and policy and budget setting. Commissioners commented that there is a difference between policy setting and oversight and that there is a push/pull between trying not to micromanage and take a broader perspective. There is also the desire for the Commission to get

more involved in policy making. There was discussion about the need to look at a policy balance between public health and hospital/clinics, as well as establish more formal Health Commission proceedings. The Commission asked that the minutes of each meeting clearly reflect Commissioner requests and direction to staff and that the Health Commission Executive Secretary track these referrals and bring them back to Commissioners' attention at the appropriate time.

Catherine Dodd, Mayor Newsom's Deputy Chief of Staff for Health and Human Services, attended the meeting and conveyed some of the Mayor's priorities for health, the top priority being the smooth implementation of Healthy San Francisco, which includes the rebuild of San Francisco General Hospital and the adequacy of the community clinic network.

The Commission discussed the need to act as a governing body in accordance with established policies and procedures and have clear governance policies.

Discussion of Committee Structure

Budget and Finance Committee

- The Budget Committee will meet once a month before the regular Health Commission meeting. The thought is to have the Commission direct the Director to implement an outcomes-based monitoring system for contracts, and not have the Health Commission review and approve every single contract.
- Committee to focus on next year's budget using Commission principles and guide cuts so they are based on outcomes and Commission policies.
- Reflect on quarterly or monthly budget reports, including revenue sources.
- Budget Committee members (Commissioner Tierney, Commissioner Chow, Commissioner Melara) will work with staff to develop operating rules as to what contracts need to come to the Committee. For example all new contracts, any that gets a score that is unacceptable, and maybe each month highlight a high-performing contract and learn best practices. Empower staff to stop funding a contract if the agency is continually non-performing.

Follow up: The Budget Committee to meet with staff and develop policies and procedures for the restructured Budget and Finance Committee, and bring these policies and procedures to the Health Commission.

San Francisco General Hospital and Laguna Honda Hospital Joint Conference Committees

- Keep the current structure for the next six months but pursue the idea of combining the two into one Joint Conference Committee. Commissioner Illig asked both JCCs to revisit the recommendations in the HMA report about closer coordination between the two entities. The Commission will relook at this issue in six months.

Community Health Network and Population Health and Prevention Joint Conference Committees

- These two committees would be abolished.
- Another committee will be established that runs that gamut from prevention to primary to secondary to tertiary care and focuses on policy and be an idea chamber to look at what the Health Department stands for, what it wants to accomplish in the next two to three years.

Follow up: Commissioner Tierney, Commissioner Melara and Commissioner Sako will meeting with staff to develop scope, policies and procedures for this new committee and will make a recommendation to the full Health Commission.

Meeting times

- The Health Commission will change its meeting time to begin at 4:00 p.m.
- SFGH & LHH JCCs meet at hospitals and maintain their current meeting times.
- Budget & Finance Committee 1st Tuesday, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
- Visioning/Planning Committee, 3rd Tuesday, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Commission assignments to outside bodies

- San Francisco Health Plan – Commissioner Waters
- IHSS Public Authority – Commissioner Illig
- SFGH Foundation – Commissioner Sanchez
- Public Health Foundation – Commissioner Tierney

4) OTHER BUSINESS

None.

5) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

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HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, April 1, 2008
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The Budget Committee of the Commission will consider the consent calendar on this agenda at 2:00 p.m. at 101 Grove. The Budget Committee Consent Calendar consists of two sections. The first section is for items that will be considered for approval. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the Budget Committee so requests. The second section consists of items that will be for discussion and approval.

Consent Calendar items that have been recommended for approval by the Budget Committee will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Health Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the Health Commission so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered as a separate item.

1) **CALL TO ORDER**

2a) **PROPOSED ACTION:** **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF MARCH 18, 2008**
**Minutes of the meeting of March 18, 2008*

2b) **PROPOSED ACTION:** **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF MARCH 25, 2008**
**Minutes of the meeting of March 25, 2008*

3) **PROPOSED ACTION:** **APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE**
(Commissioner Steven Tierney, Ed.D.)

For Approval

(3.1) CHN-SFGH – Request for approval of a contract modification with the Regents of the University of California, San Francisco, to extend the contract for three months through June 30, 2008, to provide Tertiary Care Services targeting medically indigent adults, In-Home Supportive Service workers and San Francisco County jail patients, in the amount of $425,000, for the period of April 1, 2008 through June 30, 2008, for a total contract value of $3,400,000, for the period of July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2008 (24 mos.).
** Contract summary*

(3.2) PHP-Housing and Urban Health – Request for approval of a retroactive new contract with Walden House, in the amount of $190,669, which includes a 12% contingency, to provide supportive services in a permanent housing environment at the Planetree Program targeting very low income adults who have disabling AIDS/HIV and substance abuse concerns for the period of March 1, 2008 through June 30, 2010. (2 yrs, 4 mos.)
** Contract summary, Monitoring report summary, Client demographic information form*

(3.3) HIV Epidemiology – To request approval to accept and expend retroactively a new four-year grant to the Department of Public Health (DPH) from the University California of San Francisco (UCSF) in the annual amount of $119,181 (total $476,724) for the period of September 30, 2007 through August 31, 2011, and to request the approval of a retroactive contract with Public Health Foundation Enterprises, Inc. (PHFE) in the amount of $267,033 which includes $28,611 for a 12% contingency for the period of March 1, 2008 through August 31, 2011 (3.5 years).
**Memo, Grant Information Form*

(3.4) PHP – Community Health Promotion and Prevention – Approval to accept and expend a grant from the California Department of Transportation (CalTrans) in the amount of $500,000 for the support of a two-year project to increase walking and biking to and from school in San Francisco, for the period of September 1, 2008 to August 31, 2010, as well as one consultant contract for educational services to be determined in the total amount of $135,541 for the same time period.
**Memo, Grant Information Form*

(3.5) BHS – Request for approval of a retroactive new contract with Lavender Youth Recreation and Information Center (LYRIC) in the amount of $70,295 per year, for a total contract amount of $196,826 including a 12% contingency to provide leadership and job readiness skills in school and transitional age youth to age 24 for the period of September 30, 2007 through March 31, 2010 (2.50 yrs.).
** Contract summary*

For Discussion and Approval

(3.6) BHS – Request for approval of retroactive new contract with Fort Help, LLC in the amount of $186,667, which includes a 12% contingency, to provide mental health/substance abuse services for the period of October 1, 2007 through December 31, 2008 (15 mos.).
** Contract summary*

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5) **FOR DISCUSSION:** **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
(Mitchell H. Katz, M.D., Director of Health)
(Report on activities and operations of the Department)
**Director's Report*

6) **FOR DISCUSSION:** **FY 2008-2009 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH BUDGET UPDATE AND APPROVAL OF SELECT 2008-2009 BUDGET REDUCTIONS**
(Mitchell H. Katz, M.D., Health Director)
**Budget Update, Draft Resolution*

7) **FOR DISCUSSION:** **SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL HOSPITAL REBUILD/ INSTITUTIONAL MASTER PLAN/BOND UPDATE**
(Gene O'Connell, SFGH Executive Administrator and Kathy Jung, SFGH Associate Administrator)
**Update, Institutional Master Plan*

8) **OTHER BUSINESS****

9) **COMMISSIONER REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

10) **ADJOURNMENT**

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1) CALL TO ORDER

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Present: Commissioner James M. Illig, President
Commissioner Sonia E. Melara, MSW, Vice President
Commissioner Edward A. Chow, M.D.
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2a) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF MARCH 18, 2008

Action Taken: The Commission approved the minutes of the March 18, 2008 Health Commission meeting with a change on Page 5 to note the reason that Commissioner Waters abstained from voting on Item 6, which was due to a potential conflict of interest. Commissioner Illig noted that, in the future, the Commission will vote on abstentions.

2b) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF MARCH 25, 2008

Action Taken: The Commission approved the minutes of the March 25, 2008 Health Commission meeting with a change on Page 3. The name of one of the proposed new committees has not been determined, so "Visioning/Planning Committee" is in quotations.

3) APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

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(3.5) BHS – Request for approval of a retroactive new contract with Lavender Youth Recreation and Information Center (LYRIC) in the amount of $70,295 per year, for a total contract amount of $196,826 including a 12% contingency to provide leadership and job readiness skills in school and transitional age youth to age 24 for the period of September 30, 2007 through March 31, 2010 (2.50 yrs.).

For Discussion and Approval

(3.6) BHS – Request for approval of retroactive new contract with Fort Help, LLC in the amount of $186,667, which includes a 12% contingency, to provide mental health/substance abuse services for the period of October 1, 2007 through December 31, 2008 (15 mos.).

Action Taken: The Commission approved the Budget Committee Consent Calendar.

4) GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

5) DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mitchell H. Katz, M.D., Health Director, took questions on the Director's Report, which was sent to Commissioners the day prior to the meeting. Commissioner had no questions.

Board of Supervisors Update

At this week's Land Use & Economic Development Committee meeting Monday, two Zoning ordinances are calendared that would: 1) impose a temporary moratorium on the sale of tobacco paraphernalia; and 2) create an alcohol restricted use district in the Excelsior. At Tuesday's full Board meeting, the Department is requesting the adoption of three Accept and Expend Resolutions for grants for HIV surveillance and vaccine trials. The Board is also hearing the first reading on ordinances authorizing the settlement of the Mark Chambers case and amending the Healthy Products, Healthy Children Ordinance, and a resolution opposing the closure of St. Luke's Hospital. Finally, at Thursday's City & School District Select Committee, there will be a hearing on the status and implementation of the Asthma Task Force recommendations. At the March 25th full Board meeting, a resolution accepting the implementation plan of the Substance Abuse and Crime Prevention Act of 2000 for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 was adopted and two ordinances amending the Standards of Care for City Shelters and the Shelter Monitoring Committee were passed. There were no items affecting the Department at any of the week's committee meetings.

National Public Health Week, April 7-11, 2008

Public Health Week is observed annually during the first full week of April. We use the event as an opportunity to bring attention to the significance of public health and to connect with our policy makers, employees and the broader community about public health and what it means in an ever changing world. This year's theme is "Climate Change, Our Health in the Balance." Because of today's full agenda, the Commission will be getting a presentation and a resolution on Public Health Week during its next meeting.

SFGH Power Failure

At approximately 1:30 pm on Saturday, March 22nd SFGH experienced a partial power outage within the Main Hospital due to an electrical distribution failure. As a result, power was lost to areas in the Emergency Department, Radiology, Cafeteria and Food Services, Surgery/ Operating Rooms and the East side elevators. Approximately 50 minutes after the power failure, the Hospital's Fire Alarm sounded indicating smoke in the Operating Room area. Smoke was visible in the OR Suite corridor, Radiology and the Emergency Department. The Fire Department arrived to assess the situation and determined that there was no active fire. Patients, visitors and staff were never in danger and there was no need to evacuate. Due to the limited capabilities in the ED, Radiology and the OR, the Incident Management Team determined that SFGH would divert all ambulances, including those with Trauma patients, to other facilities in the interest of patient safety.

One patient was diverted from the field to CPMC during the time SFGH was on diversion. SFGH was on Trauma Bypass for a total of 2 hours and 32 minutes. Full power was restored using a temporary electrical bypass at approximately 3:30am the next morning (total power outage approximately 14 hours).

World TB Day, March 24

Dr. Masae Kawamura, Director of TB Control, hosted a successful World TB Day press conference at San Francisco International Airport last week. The event included three TB patients and TB Control Officers from all of the neighboring Bay Area counties who, like San Francisco, are seeing increases in TB cases and rates. With the ongoing 25% federal funding cut and this year's 10% state reductions for TB, speakers called for increased resources to prevent the continued rise in TB, especially multidrug resistant TB which is difficult to treat and presents a growing challenge worldwide.

Mayoral Directive Regarding Discretionary Spending & Overtime

The City's projected deficit for FY 2008-09 exceeds $338 million. In order to address this shortfall, on March 26th the Mayor issued an Executive Directive regarding reduction of discretionary spending. Specifically departments are directed to:

- Manage overtime by limiting it to extraordinary circumstances which cannot be anticipated or where staffing requirements can not be met through normal scheduling and assignment of personnel,
- Freeze any and all payouts of discretionary lump sum payments,
- Implement a voluntary work furlough program during the holiday periods of 11/24-11/28/08 and 12/29/08-1/2/09,
- Restrict out of town travel,
- Limit use of standby pay,
- Limit legal holiday work hours,
- Target departments for additional 10% reduction in energy use for FY 2008-09, and
- Implement an additional 5% reduction in the City's non-emergency, general purpose fleet.

Although the department will take action on all the points described above, overtime is the largest expenditure of those that are listed. As you know, the hospitals and jail health are 24x7 operations and a certain level of overtime is required to meet staffing levels. In fact, SFGH and LHH combined overtime usage represents 95% of the total department's overtime. When DPH's use of overtime as a percentage of salaries is analyzed, we have ranged from 2.9% in FY 2000-01 to 2.8% in the current year. The citywide average for the same time was 6.8% and 6.4% respectively. We will continue to closely monitor our discretionary spending through out the year and into next year to ensure we meet our budget.

SF DPH Bloodborne Pathogen (BBP) Safe Device Committee

The Safe Device Committee is a joint-labor management activity in compliance with the Cal-OSHA Bloodborne Pathogen Standard, charged with involving first-line staff in researching, evaluating, recommending and implementing safety sharps (i.e., needles, syringes, scalpels, etc. with a needle-protection feature) and safe work practices to reduce exposures to bloodborne pathogens. As a result of the work of this Committee, DPH has experienced a reduction in BBP exposures associated with needlesticks and splashes. Reported exposures for DPH employees totaled 200 in 2003 and were down to 135 in 2007. The Committee remains vigilant in monitoring exposures and compliance with use of safety sharps and work practices. The Committee's maintains its own website on DPHNet. All DPH staff can access the list of safe sharps currently available, best practices in high risk situations, summaries of the Sharps Injury Log and news briefs (What's the

Point!) emphasizing important recommendations and reminders. The website also has an interactive feature where staff can apprise the Committee of their concerns and suggestions at any time.

HIV Testing Update

The Department of Public Health continues to expand HIV testing opportunities. Here are some updates on what staff is working on and what they are finding.

- In 2007, 16,847 tests were conducted with AIDS Office support, with 307 new cases of HIV diagnosed. With our increased focus on testing in medical setting, SFGH has doubled the number of monthly HIV tests in just the past 12 months, resulting in the monthly average of newly-identified HIV positive tests increasing from 8.9 to 14.9 individuals.

- Efforts are also underway to offer more HIV testing in the Health Department's substance use treatment centers and community clinics. As of March 24th, all methadone clinics funded by the Health Department are offering routine, opt-out HIV testing. Tom Waddell clinic will start offering routine opt-out testing to all urgent care patients in April.

- A current barrier to HIV prevention and linking persons to care is the delay in getting confirmatory positive HIV test results. In August 2007, the HIV Prevention Section implemented a CDC-funded study using multiple HIV rapid tests to provide immediate confirmatory results. To date, 2887 persons were tested using this new testing algorithm and 50 people tested HIV positive, all of whom received their results immediately and were referred to medical care.

Chronicle Magazine Features Transitions Clinic

Sunday's *San Francisco Chronicle Magazine* featured a moving article on Ron Sanders, the community health worker for the Transitions Clinic that operates out of Southeast Health Center. Mr. Sanders is referred to in the headline as, "The Hope Peddler." As explained in the article, the Transitions clinic was designed for recent parolees for reasons both practical and ethical. Studies show that 90% of parolees—who tend to have higher rates of HIV, hepatitis B and C, TB and mental illnesses than the general population—rely on emergency rooms for medical care. Congratulations to Mr. Sanders for his tireless work on behalf of our clients.

Community Health Promotion and Prevention

Pomoshniks, *Promotores*, and Community Health Workers were highlighted in a *San Francisco Chronicle* on March 24. The article describes the use of community health workers in health promotion and health access programs for the diverse communities of California. Lay health workers from the Newcomers Health Program - "Let's Be Healthy!" project were interviewed about their chronic disease prevention work with Russian-speaking newcomers.

San Francisco Health Plan Wins (SFHP) Gold Quality Award

The San Francisco Health Plan won the *Gold Quality Award* for outstanding performance in the Health Plan Employer Data & Information Set (HEDIS) measures for MediCal Managed Care for this past year. The award was given by the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) at its Annual Quality Conference. A special thanks to Dori Lange and Jean Levinson, their outstanding HEDIS teams, along with the quality work of our great provider network.

Shape Up SF Receives Funding

Kaiser Permanente has provided $30,000 in partnership funds for Shape Up SF. These funds will support a range of Shape Up activities including Soda Free Summer, Southeast Food Access

Working Group, 2009 Walking Challenge, November Shape Up Summit, Worksite Wellness and other Shape Up efforts.

Dignity/SF Awards SFGH Emergency Room Nursing Staff
Dignity/SF has chosen the San Francisco General Hospital & Trauma Center's Emergency Department Nursing Staff as one of this year's recipients of their *Pax et Bonum* (Peace and All Good) award for service to the LGBT community. In making the announcement, Dignity/SF noted, "....SFGH emergency Room Nursing Staff has been treating patients with advanced HIV/AIDS since the beginning of the epidemic. Their patient care is marked by professionalism, respect for cultural diversity and genuine compassion. These medical professionals go above and beyond their job descriptions on a daily basis...." We applaud the nursing staff and thank Dignity/SF for this special award. The ceremony will be held on April 26 at the Parc55 Hotel. Dignity/SF is a local chapter of DignityUSA, a national organization of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Catholics, their families, friends and supporters.

6) SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL HOSPITAL REBUILD/ INSTITUTIONAL MASTER PLAN/BOND UPDATE

Gene O'Connell, SFGH Executive Administrator, Kathy Jung, SFGH Associate Administrator and Gregg Sass, CFO, presented the report. Mayor Newsom addressed the Commission supporting the rebuild of San Francisco General Hospital, saying it is an anchor of San Francisco's health care delivery system. He is confident the bond will be successful in November. The city allocated $25 million to do advance planning for the project, which was an unprecedented approach.

Key changes to the March 2008 Institutional Master Plan Update include new emergency generators; helipad will be built on the existing hospital roof; and greater detail on the new acute care hospital. The IMP was published on March 10th and will be presented to the Planning Commission on April 10th to receive public comment.

The proposal is to build a new, seismically safe San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center on the West Lawn of the Potrero Campus. There will be a total of nine stories, with seven above ground. The gross square footage of the building will be approximately 442,350 square feet, with a total capacity for 284 acute care beds. To ensure that the bond is ready to place before the voters, the city has spent $25 million and two years completing programming, initial design, environmental, geotechnical and other planning studies. As a result there is a solid understanding of the space needs, design goals and, most important, the cost of the new building, which is anticipated to be $887.4 million. A General Obligation bond to fund the project will be submitted to the voters for the November 2008 election.

Commissioners' Comments

- The Commission thanked the Mayor for allocating funds to do advance planning for this bond issuance. This was a courageous move, and the correct way to plan. In the past planning has not been able to be done until after the bond was approved.

Public Comment

Dick Hodgson, San Francisco Community Clinic Consortium, said the SFCCC passed a resolution endorsing the rebuild of San Francisco General Hospital.

7) FY 2008-2009 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH BUDGET UPDATE AND APPROVAL OF 2008-2009 BUDGET

Gregg Sass, CFO, presented the sixth budget update to the Health Commission. Various changes were made to the budget initiatives that have been presented to meet the initial $28 million reduction target, the largest and most significant of which is $3.5 million in additional revenue for San Francisco General Hospital. With the work done to date, the Department has exceeded the initial General Fund reduction target. However, two proposed cuts are still pending Health Commission approval: the 4.4% overall reduction to Community Programs contractors and Civil Service Clinics and the reduction in HIV Health Services.

The Mayor's Budget Office has given the Department an additional $18 million reduction target. Staff has identified initiatives that partially meet this goal. Staff proposes revisions to the sliding scale discount program to limit eligibility to patients with income up to 300% of the federal poverty level, which is a reduction from 500% of the federal poverty level. Staff also proposes eliminating the CBO cost of doing business, including UCSF. If these proposals are accepted, the additional reduction needed to meet the $18 million target is $12.8 million.

Public Comment

Larry Nelson, Walden House, said it is not a good idea to cut substance abuse services and he hopes the Commission conveys this to the Board.

Richard Jimenez, Walden House, said substance abuse provides a safety net for the city so please do not cut these services.

Vitka Eisen, Walden House, urged the Commission not to cut substance abuse services. They already have a two-month wait for people wanting to get into treatment.

Toby Eastman, Larkin Street Youth Services, highlighted the fact that they serve some of the city's most vulnerable youth.

Brett Andrews, Positive Resource Center and HIV/AIDS Provider Network, encouraged the Commission to examine different ways to balance the budget.

Steven Fields, organizational speaker for the Human Services Network, and on behalf of Debbi Lerman and Merrill Buice, said HSN concurs with the strategy to take back the cost of doing business this year. But in return they ask for a commitment from the Health Commission and the Health Department to have contractors' true cost of being able to stay open included in the Department's structural/regulatory/inflationary budget projections next year. They also ask that next year the Department sits down with contractors to develop budget reduction proposals, as well as a long term planning process.

Jonathan Vernick, Baker Places, said the cuts should not cost more than existing programs, the Commission must look a few years out and licensed residential treatment programs might be lost irrevocably.

Richard Heasley, Conard House, said he is honoring a 5% labor agreement this year, in addition to other cost increases, at the same time they are taking a budget cut. Conard will have to reduce services to fund this cost of doing business.

Eve Meyer, San Francisco Suicide Prevention, said there is nothing left to cut. They are a 24 hour/7 day a week operation.

Kate Kalstein, Edgewood Center for Children and Families, said the Health Department has agreed to pay the supplemental fee for children it refers to the program, however other agencies have not.

They will be closing their residential treatment facility to San Francisco youth July 2008 unless the fee issue is resolved. The Health Department plays a key role in the solution to this problem.

Kelly Tyne, SAGE Project, said an outcomes-driven approach to funding cuts would be better than an across-the-board cut. The SAGE program keeps people out of higher levels of care and allows them to be more productive.

Ana Gutierrez spoke in support of the SAGE Project and asked the Commission to fund the program.

Hunter Hargraves, Stop AIDS Project, asked that HIV prevention be spared in these budget cuts. (He submitted a written copy of his testimony.)

Jennifer Hecht, Stop AIDS Project, spoke in support of HIV prevention services. (She submitted a written copy of his testimony.)

Jason Riggs, Stop AIDS Project, spoke in support of HIV prevention funding. (He submitted a written copy of his testimony.)

Chad Campbell, Stop AIDS Project, spoke in support of HIV prevention funding. (He submitted a written copy of his testimony.)

George Simmons, Catholic Charities CYO, urged the Commission maintain housing in San Francisco. Housing is health care.

Laura Thomas, co-chair, HIV Health Services Planning Council, said the $900,000 in additional money from Speaker Pelosi must be shared by three counties. The Planning Council moved as many programs as possible onto CARE, and many of the services that remain funded by general fund are not able to be funded by CARE.

Lara Tannenbaum, Larkin Street Youth Services, urged the Commission that HIV services take the same level of cuts as other services.

Alexandra Kutik is dismayed that the cost of doing business is being removed from the budget.

Michael Lyon, People's Buuget, said the Commission should oppose the cuts.

Larry Littlejohn said something is wrong when a jail nurse gets so much overtime.

Gayle Burns, co-chair for HIV Prevention Planning Council, said San Francisco can do prevention like no place else because of general fund.

Written Public Testimony (on file in the Health Commission Office)

Janet Goy, Community Awareness and Treatment Services – opposed to 18% cut to CBHS programs and HIV cuts of $4.2 million.

Judith Auerbach, Ph.D., San Francisco AIDS Foundation – opposed to HIV Prevention and Housing budget cuts. We need to find a way to keep this money.

Commission Comments/Follow Up Action

- Commissioner Tierney announced that the Budget Committee will be restructured and will be working with Department staff and community partners to take a look at ongoing budget planning from the policy level.
- Commissioner Chow would like to accept the Department's recommended process for the Community Program's cuts, which is to target unmatched general fund to preserve as many

dollars as possible, give each agency a dollar target and work with each agency to determine how to the agency is going to achieve that cut.

- Commissioner Illig wants to see the details of the reduction—what agencies are going to get what cut and what the impacts will be. Hold harmless housing and prevention across the board, and give direction to staff that anything on the Community Programs list that is housing or prevention be removed.
- Commissioner Tierney asked for more details about the impact of the cuts on the clients and a plan that would help the Commission make these difficult decisions.
- Commissioners stated that that if the Commission wants to change the adopted budget principles, which currently hold harmless prevention and housing services, then this must be publicly noticed and voted on by the Commission.
- The Commission directed staff to bring the whole budget, including the full list of budget reductions to the Commission at the next meeting.
- Commissioner Tierney said staff should use the established budget principles, reasonably interpreted by Dr. Katz, to develop the proposed Community Program and HIV Services reductions, with more detail about impacts and possible mitigation. The Commission directed staff two meetings ago to treat HIV Health Services the same as the rest of Community Programs.
- Staff will recommend how to implement the HIV reductions, following the principles. The reductions will not include housing.

Action Taken: The Commission (Chow, Illig, Melara, Sako, Tierney, Waters voting aye, Sanchez voting no) to apply the $14.6 million reduction to all of Community Programs, including HIV Health Services.

8) OTHER BUSINESS

Daniel Michaels, RAMS, spoke against budget cuts.

9) COMMISSIONER REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Illig announced that the new committee structure will begin in May.

10) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

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AGENDA

HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, April 15, 2008
At
3:00 p.m.
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The Budget Committee of the Commission will consider the consent calendar on this agenda at 2:30 p.m. at 101 Grove. The Budget Committee Consent Calendar consists of two sections. The first section is for items that will be considered for approval. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the Budget Committee so requests. The second section consists of items that will be for discussion and approval.

Consent Calendar items that have been recommended for approval by the Budget Committee will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Health Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the Health Commission so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered as a separate item.

1) **CALL TO ORDER**

2) **PROPOSED ACTION:** **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF APRIL 1, 2008**
**Minutes of the meeting of April 1, 2008*

3) **PROPOSED ACTION:** **APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE**
(Commissioner Steven Tierney, Ed.D.)

For Approval

(3.1) PHP – Environmental Health Section, Agriculture Section - Approval to retroact accept and expend a grant from the California Department of Food and Agriculture in the am $66,325 in support of the High Risk (Pest Exclusion) Program for the period of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008
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** Grant summary, Grant Budget, Grant information form*

For Discussion and Approval

(3.3) Primary Care – Request for approval of a new contract with the University of California at San Francisco in the amount of $225,000 per year, for a total contract amount of $450,000, to provide consultation on patient flow to primary care clinics for the period of May 1, 2008 through April 20, 2010 (2 years).
** Request memo*

4) GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time, members of the public may address the Commission on items of interest to the public that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission that are not on this meeting agenda. With respect to agenda items, your opportunity to address the Commission will be afforded when the item is reached in the meeting. Each member of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes. The Brown Act forbids a commission from taking action or discussing any item not appearing on the posted agenda, including those items raised at public comment.

5) FOR DISCUSSION: **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
(Mitchell H. Katz, M.D., Director of Health)
(Report on activities and operations of the Department)
**Director's Report*

6) FOR DISCUSSION: **PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK: CLIMATE CHANGE**
(Ginger Smyly, Director, Community Health Promotion and Prevention and Wade Crowfoot, Director of the Office of Climate Control)
**Fact Sheet, List of Activities*

7) FOR DISCUSSION: **HEARING TO CONSIDER THE HEALTH DIRECTOR'S PROPOSED MID YEAR BUDGET REDUCTIONS ELIMINATING OR REDUCING MEDICAL SERVICES (BEILENSON HEARING)**
(Mitchell H. Katz, M.D., Health Director)
**Beilenson Notice*

8) **FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:** **FY 2008-2009 BUDGET UPDATE AND CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FY 2008-2009 BUDGET**
(Mitchell H. Katz, M.D., Health Director)
**Budget Update, Resolution*

9) **CLOSED SESSION**

A) Public Comments on All Matters Pertaining to the Closed Session

B) Vote on Whether to Hold a Closed Session (San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.11)

C) Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 and San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.10(d)

APPROVAL OF A SETTLEMENT OF RUNKLE, ROBERT V. CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO, ET AL, SAN FRANCISCO SUPERIOR COURT CASE NO. 432346

D) Reconvene in Open Session

1. Possible Report on Action Taken in Closed Session (Government Code Section 54957.1(a)2 and San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(b)(2).)

2. Vote to Elect Whether to Disclose Any or All Discussions Held in Closed Session. (San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(a).) (Action Item)

10) **OTHER BUSINESS****

11) **COMMISSIONER REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

12) **ADJOURNMENT**

* Explanatory documents are available at the Health Commission Office, 101 Grove Street, Room #311, telephone 554-2666.

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MINUTES

HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, April 15, 2008
At
3:00 p.m.
101 GROVE STREET, ROOM 300 or ROOM 302
San Francisco, CA 94102

1) CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Illig called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

Present: Commissioner James M. Illig, President
Commissioner Sonia E. Melara, MSW, Vice President
Commissioner Edward A. Chow, M.D.
Commissioner Margine A. Sako
Commissioner David J. Sanchez, Jr., Ph.D.
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2) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF APRIL 1, 2008

Action Taken: The Commission approved the minutes of the April 1, 2008 Health Commission meeting with the addition of Commissioner Sako's comment requesting information about the budget impact of the Mayor's directive to reduce travel spending and institute voluntary work furloughs (Page 9).

3) APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

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For Discussion and Approval

(3.3) Primary Care – Request for approval of a new contract with the University of California at San Francisco in the amount of $225,000 per year, for a total contract amount of $450,000, to provide consultation on patient flow to primary care clinics for the period of May 1, 2008 through April 20, 2010 (2 years).

Commissioner Tierney announced that the reconstituted Budget Committee will meet on the first Tuesday of each month, beginning on May 6, 2008.

Action Taken: The Commission voted to excuse Commissioner Waters from voting on Item 3.3.

Action Taken: The Commission approved the Budget Committee Consent Calendar, with Commissioner Waters abstaining from Item 3.3.

4) GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

5) DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Director's Report was distributed to Commissioners prior to the meeting.

Board of Supervisors Update: April 7 through April 18, 2008
At last week's (4/7-4/11) Board, the Government Audit and Oversight Committee held a hearing on the Light Brown Apple Moth spraying program and voted out of committee two resolutions, one opposing spraying and the second urging the State to make maximum use of safe and tested ground-based approaches. At the full Board meeting on Tuesday, the Board voted to suspend several sections of the Healthy Products, Healthy Children Ordinance, to settle the Mark Chambers case, to override the Mayor's veto of the allocation to the Department of Human Resources for the Workers' Compensation Clinic, and to impose a moratorium on enterprises that sell tobacco paraphernalia. At Wednesday's Budget and Finance Committee, the Board heard the Department's budget request and performance measures and the cumulative impact of cuts to Laguna Honda Hospital and the Chronic Care Nurse Program.

At this week's (4/14 -4/18) Board meetings, the Land Use and Economic Development Committee will take up an ordinance to amend the Planning Code to extend the time for medical cannabis dispensaries to obtain a permit from March 1, 2008 to January 21, 2009. At Tuesday's full Board meeting, the Board will hear the two resolutions related to the Light Brown Apple Moth noted above. The Board will also vote on three consent calendar items to create an Excelsior alcohol restricted use district, to authorize the Department to enter retroactively into an agreement with the Public Health Foundation Enterprises to support HIV prevention activities, and to extend the Asthma Task Force to June 30, 2011. DPH has two items on Wednesday's Budget & Finance Committee: a hearing on a resolution to amend the Mental Health Services Act agreement to include an MHSA housing budget of $9.9 million; and a hearing on an ordinance appropriating funds for Jail Health cost overruns. On Thursday, the Rules Committee will hold a hearing on the early census reduction and closure of Clarendon Hall at Laguna Honda Hospital. Finally, at City Operations and Neighborhood Services on Thursday, the committee will hear four resolutions accepting and expending grants for emergency preparedness, rapid HIV tests, HIV/AIDS project technical assistance, and nutrition services, and one gift of Buprenorphine to Community Behavioral Health Services.

Chronicle Takes Critical Look at 911 System

The San Francisco Chronicle ran a short series of articles this week on the City's 911 Emergency Response System. The article indicated a number of improvements in the system that need to be made in order to ensure that the City has the resources it needs to better respond to emergency calls. While we take some exceptions to a number of the accusations by the Chronicle, we recognize that there are areas for improvement and we will continue to work closely with the Mayor's Office, the Fire Department and the Department of Emergency Management to ameliorate any situation we identify as a critical weakness in our ability to respond to emergency needs.

LHH Wins Leadership Award

Laguna Honda was named co-winner of Jewish Vocational Services' 2008 Business Leadership Award at the organization's annual Strictly Business luncheon on April 9. The award recognizes businesses who help people overcome barriers to employment in today's competitive market. Previous winners are Macy's West, Wells Fargo, and Kaiser Permanente.

Barbara Garcia Wins TenderChamp Award

Congratulations to Barbara Garcia who received the 2008 Hospitality House "TenderChamp Award" earlier this month. Ms. Garcia shared the honor with Jennifer Friedenbach of the Coalition on Homelessness and the Women's Community Clinic.

World Asthma Day Events

Coinciding with the Global Initiative for Asthma's 2008 World Asthma Day theme, "You Can Control Your Asthma!" the San Francisco Asthma Task Force will host two public events:

- The Task Force will release its *Report to the Community on Asthma* on World Asthma Day, May 6th.

- On May 9th, the Task Force will host the San Francisco Asthma Network's twice-yearly no-cost medical education event from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm, at the UCSF Laurel Heights Conference Center.

April is STD Awareness Month

Here are some activities and updates from the STD Prevention and Control Section as they observe "STD Awareness Month."

- As part of STD Awareness month, the STD Prevention and Control Section is conducting two separate poster contests, one for MSM and the other for Youth, specifically from Bayview-Hunter's Point area, the area with the highest STD morbidity among youth.
- The San Francisco STD Clinic was one of the seven representative STD Clinics from across the Country selected to participate in the Quality of Care Indicators Project that is being funded by the Centers for Disease Control.
- On April 3rd the STD Section, in collaboration with the California STD/HIV Prevention Training Center, sponsored a day of interactive learning and case-based discussion specifically designed to increase the STD screening, diagnosis and treatment skills of primary medical care providers and HIV/AIDS clinicians.

Crystal Meth & STD

The STD Section, in collaboration with New Leaf, is launching the "Buddies Program, to address the community impact of crystal meth use in San Francisco." The Buddies Program will be a resource for the friends, partners and family members of meth users. The Program will offer a monthly workshop to share information about the mental, emotional and physical affects of meth, to exchange coping skills, and ways to reduce the stress and harm for those dealing with the day-to-day consequences of crystal meth.

Grant Awarded to Newcomers Health Program Collaborative

The Newcomers Health Program and their community-based partner and lead agency, Bay Area Community Resources, received a two-year $300,000 grant from the California Tobacco Control Program for its SUNSET Tobacco Education Project.

UCSF-SFGH physician to lead California Diabetes Program

Dean Schillinger, MD, associate professor of clinical medicine for UCSF and practicing primary care physician at San Francisco General Hospital Medical Center, has been named chief of the California Diabetes Program. In his new role, effective April 1, Dr. Schillinger will guide policy and be the leading provider of diabetes expertise for the state of California. He will continue to hold a faculty appointment at UCSF, carry out his clinical work at SFGH and further his research in improving the health of vulnerable, low-income populations.

In the News

California Counties Profiles Healthy San Francisco - The March/April 2008 issue of *California Counties* features a special profile of Tangerine Brigham, Director of Healthy San Francisco.

Healthy San Francisco Makes News in France - The most recent issue of *Le Nouvel Observateur* provides French readers with a look at what San Francisco is doing to provide coverage to our uninsured.

Clean & Green Business Program Featured in *Nation's Health* - The April edition of *The Nation's Health* features an article about green workplace practices throughout the country, with highlights on the Environmental Health Services Clean & Green certified program.

Association of Public Health Laboratories (APHL) Features DPH Lab - Congratulations to Sally Liska and her public health lab staff who are featured in *Lab Matters*, the quarterly publication from the Association of Public Health Laboratories.

Credentials Report, Community Health Network, San Francisco General Hospital & Trauma Center, April 2008

	04/08		7/07 to 04/08
New Appointments	11		175
Reinstatements	0		0
Reappointments	33		464
Delinquencies:	0		0
Reappointment Denials:	0		0
Resigned/Retired:	19		129
Disciplinary Actions	0		0
Restriction/Limitation-Privileges	0		0
Deceased	0		2
Changes in Privileges			
Additions	3		81
Voluntary Relinquishments	1		39
Proctorship Completed	8		83
Proctorship Extension	0		0
Current Statistics – as of 04/01/08			
Active Staff	509		
Courtesy Staff	550		
Affiliate Professionals (non-physicians)	243		
TOTAL MEMBERS	1,302		
Applications In Process		**35**	
Applications Withdrawn Month of April 2008		0	3 (07/07 to 04/08)
SFGH Reappointments in Process 04/2008 to 07/2008		201	

Commissioner Comments/Follow Up Action

- Commissioner Chow asked that the report on EMS response times be presented to the Health Commission at the time it is presented to the Mayor.

6) PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK: CLIMATE CHANGE

Ginger Smyly, Director, Community Health Promotion and Prevention, presented an overview of DPH activities celebrating Public Health Week, which was April 7 – 11. Wade Crowfoot, Director of the Office of Climate Control, presented the San Francisco perspective on climate change and public health. He summarized Transportation and Building Energy initiatives to address climate change in San Francisco.

Commissioner Comments/Follow Up Action

- Commissioner Chow asked for a report on how San Francisco is addressing the increasing TB rate, particularly in light of the recent budget reductions.

7) HEARING TO CONSIDER THE HEALTH DIRECTOR'S PROPOSED MID YEAR BUDGET REDUCTIONS ELIMINATING OR REDUCING MEDICAL SERVICES (BEILENSON HEARING)

Two FY 2007-08 mid-year budget reductions were the subject of this Beilenson Hearing: closure of the Bridge to Wellness Program and the closure of Clarendon Hall at Laguna Honda Hospital.

Public Comment

Kavoos Bassiri, Executive Director of RAMS, spoke about the Bridge to Wellness program. We must assess the impact of these severe cuts and how and where clients are receiving services.

Andy Schoenwetter, Local 1021, expressed concern about the proposed census reduction and closure of Clarendon Hall.

Sherrie Matza, California Department of Public Health Alzheimer's Disease Advisory Committee, spoke against the closure of Clarendon Hall and the reduction of long term care beds at Laguna Honda Hospital.

George Wooding, West of Twin Peaks Central Council, said the public was deceived with the LHH rebuild and spoke against the Chambers settlement.

Ron Smith, Hospital Council, noted the shortage of skilled nursing facilities and placements in San Francisco. More planning must be done.

Susan Stofan, SEIU 1021, spoke against the closure of Clarendon Hall and LHH census reduction.

Jamilah Din, Local 1021, said the closure of Clarendon Hall has taken its toll on frail residents.

Patrick Monette-Shaw, said only the county Board of Supervisors can conduct Beilenson Hearings. He spoke against the closure of Clarendon Hall.

Larry Bevan, Local 1021, spoke against the closure of Clarendon Hall.

Commissioner Comments/Follow Up Action

- Commissioner Melara is concerned, both in the long term and the short term, about the general skilled nursing patients that LHH is unable to accept and the impact this is having on the ability of hospitals to transfer patients. She asked staff to provide regular reports on this issue and provide alternatives. Commissioner Illig asked Mr. Kanaley and Ms. Gray to make a presentation at the new planning committee that is being formed, and that the Laguna Honda Hospital Joint Conference Committee to provide oversight to this issue as well.

8) FY 2008-2009 BUDGET UPDATE AND CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FY 2008-2009 BUDGET

Gregg Sass presented an update on the FY 2008-2009 Health Department budget. Staff presented a balanced budget that meets the combined general fund reduction target of $46.1 million. Mr. Sass's presentation focused on changes since the April 1st budget report, including:

- $10.6 million in additional revenue
- $997,927 increase in Sheriff's Workorder for security services
- Increase in the Shape Up San Francisco reduction

- Consolidation of the HIV and Behavioral Health budget reduction initiative
- Outsourcing security services to replace the Sheriff workorder (new reduction initiative)
- Reduction of travel spending and offering voluntary work furloughs (new reduction initiative)
- Reorganization of Finance department staffing (new reduction initiative)

Mr. Sass also presented a memo from Gene O'Connell describing the operational efficiencies and service reductions that are necessary in order to meet the exiting dollar limits of the Affiliation Agreement.

Public Comment

Luke Adams, Mayor's Crystal Meth Task Force, asked why there was no mention of Treatment on Demand in the Health Commission's budget principles. This concerns him.

Steve Harlow, New Leaf, spoke against reduction of substance abuse and mental health services.

Bill Hirsch, AIDS Legal Referral Panel, said do not eliminate service categories. Appeal the Controller's decision around the repeal of the $4 million dollars in AIDS funding.

Michael Heitman, Jelani House Family Program, spoke in support of programs for families and children.

Nancy Rubin, CEO, Edgewood Center for Children and Families, updated the Commission on the situation with Edgewood. The Health Department has done its part, but the issue is much broader and a hearing is being held on May 5th.

Bopa Kiu spoke in support of the Jelani Family Program.

Jonathan Vernick, Executive Director of Baker Places, said these are the most drastic cuts he has ever seen. Most agencies are planning on closing at least one program.

Eve Meyer, Executive Director, San Francisco Suicide Prevention, said the budget cuts will dramatically increase the number of people in jail.

Gwendolyn Otis, Jelani Inc., urged the Commission not to cut Jelani House's substance abuse funding. A number of families from Jelani House came to the hearing to show support for the program.

Mark Williams, Jelani Family Program, spoke in support of the program and the families who are part of the program.

Richard Heasley, Executive Director, Conard House, invited the commissioners to a May 8th community forum roundtable to guide mental health planning and budgeting.

Alexandra Kutik said the Health Commission has been dealing with the budget in a piecemeal fashion and this does a disservice.

Larry Bevan, SEIU 1021, said the city is going to find out that these budget reductions will cost money in the long run and the system will have to be re-mantled.

Mark Molnar, co-chair of HIV Health Services Planning Council, asked the Commission not to eliminate service categories. Also, the Commission should urge the Board of Supervisors to rescind the Controller's Office decision about HIV funding.

Ramon Calubaquib, Japanese Community Youth Council, asked the Commission to consider sparing community based organizations that provide primary and secondary prevention services from budget cuts.

Debbi Lerman, San Francisco Human Services Network, said nobody has any idea who will be cut, by what amount, how many clients will lose services, where they will go, etc. She urged the Commission to ask for a report on the impacts on a regular basis starting immediately.

Jenny Wiley, Hospitality House, asked the Commission to continue to carry the message forward that these cuts are drastic and scary.

Commissioner Comments/Follow Up Action

- Commissioner Illig pointed out that the Department has reduced its budget by $46 million. Community based providers are talking about taking a 22 percent cut and are not getting cost of living increases. This is in contrast to city workers who are getting guaranteed increases to salaries and benefits to the tune of $33 million while we are cutting $46 million in services.

- Commissioner Chow is concerned that the cuts, for which the details will be worked out later with individual contractors, will result in de facto loss of service categories that cannot be reassembled. Commissioner Chow would like report backs on the negotiations. Dr. Katz recognizes this concern but feels that in order to maximize creativity we must work individually with contractors. He will report back on the status. Commissioner Illig added that at the next meeting in May, he will propose that the Commission discuss principles to guide the implementation of the cuts.

- Commissioner Sako asked Dr. Katz if Community Program's recommendation is the best we have to work with in order to preserve the infrastructure. Dr. Katz said yes.

- Commissioner Tierney moved the resolution and offered an amendment to the last further resolved that the Health Director give a budget status report at each meeting. Commissioner Sako offered an additional amendment that the Health Director report the status of budget as it moves through the bureaucracy as well.

  Action Taken: The Commission approved Resolution 09-08, "Approving the Submission of the Department of Public Health's FY 2008-2009 Budget," (Attachment A).

- Commissioner Melara supports Commissioner Illig's comments about the guaranteed salary increases to city workers and asked the Commission to ask the Mayor to work with our labor partners to examine the MOUs.

Commissioner Illig announced that on May 6 the Commission is going to revise its Rules of Order. Revisions include beginning Health Commission meetings at 4:00 p.m. and holding committee meetings on the first and third Tuesdays from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Commissioner Illig is also going to agendize in May a discussion of restoration priorities and principles for guiding the implementation of the cuts.

9) CLOSED SESSION

A) Public Comments on All Matters Pertaining to the Closed Session

None.

B) Vote on Whether to Hold a Closed Session (San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.11)

Action Taken: The Commission voted to hold a closed session.

The Committee went into closed session at 5:50 p.m. Present in closed session were Commissioner Chow, Commissioner Illig, Commissioner Melara, Commissioner Sako, Commissioner Sanchez, Commissioner Tierney, Commissioner Waters, Mitchell H. Katz, M.D., Health Director and Michele Seaton, Health Commission Executive Secretary.

C) Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 and San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.10(d)

Action Taken: The Commission approved settlement of Runkle, Robert v. City and County of San Francisco, et al, San Francisco Superior Court Case No. 432346, in the amount of $12,500.

D) Reconvene in Open Session

The Commission reconvened in open session at 5:55 p.m.

1. Possible Report on Action Taken in Closed Session (Government Code Section 54957.1(a)2 and San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(b)(2).)

2. Vote to Elect Whether to Disclose Any or All Discussions Held in Closed Session. (San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(a).)

Action Taken: The Commission voted not to disclose any discussions held in closed session.

10) OTHER BUSINESS

New planning committee – the first meeting will be Tuesday, May 27th, but the regular meeting time will be the 3rd Tuesday, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Commissioner Melara will chair the new committee.

11) COMMISSIONER REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

12) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Michele M. Seaton
Health Commission Executive Secretary

Attachment: (1)

HEALTH COMMISSION
City and County of San Francisco
Resolution No. 09-08

APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S FY 2008-2009 BUDGET

WHEREAS, the City and County of San Francisco is facing a $350 million dollar shortfall for fiscal year 2008-09 and the Mayor's Budget Office has required that the Department reduce its utilization of General Fund by $46.1million; and,

WHEREAS, the Department used the budget principles adopted by this Health Commission to construct the least harmful budget cuts possible; and,

WHEREAS, the Health Commission held a public budget hearings on February 19, 2008, February 26, 2008, March 4, 2008 and March 18, 2008, April 1 and April 15; and,

WHEREAS, in order to achieve the target budget reductions that Health Department will have to make deep cuts in health services that are critical to San Francisco's safety net; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Health Commission reluctantly approves the submission of the FY 2008-2009 Department of Public Health Budget; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Health Commission is deeply concerned about the extent of reductions proposed and the potential impact on the Department's ability to provide the wide range of services critical to fulfilling the mission of the Department; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the City cannot identify enough new revenue to prevent reductions, the Health Commission strongly urges the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to preferentially protect health and human services over other services funded by the City and County; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Health Commission directs the Director of Health to return to the Health Commission at every meeting of the Health Commission with a report on the impacts of budget reductions as well as the status of the budget as it moves through the Board of Supervisors' approval process.

I hereby certify that the San Francisco Health Commission at its meeting of April 15, 2008 adopted the foregoing resolution.

Michele M. Seaton
Health Commission Executive Secretary

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AGENDA

HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, May 6, 2008
At
4:00 p.m.*
101 GROVE STREET, ROOM 300 or ROOM 302
San Francisco, CA 94102

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN START TIME FOR THIS MEETING. FROM THIS POINT FORWARD ALL HEALTH COMMISSION MEETINGS WILL BEGIN AT 4:00 P.M. UNLESS NOTICED OTHERWISE

1) **CALL TO ORDER**

2) **PROPOSED ACTION:** **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF APRIL 15, 2008**
**Minutes of the meeting of April 15, 2008*

3) **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT****

4) **FOR DISCUSSION:** **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**
(Steven Tierney, Ed.D., Finance Committee Chair)

5) **FOR DISCUSSION:** **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
(Mitchell H. Katz, M.D., Director of Health)
(Report on activities and operations of the Department)
**Director's Report*

6) **FOR DISCUSSION:** **PRESENTATION OF NEW FINANCE COMMITTEE STRUCTURE**
(Steven Tierney, Ed.D., Finance Committee Chair)
**Memo describing new committee*

7) **FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:** **AMENDMENTS TO THE HEALTH COMMISSION RULES OF ORDER**
(Health Commission)
**Rules of Order*

8) **FOR DISCUSSION:** **DISCUSSION OF HEALTH COMMISSION BUDGET PRINCIPLES**
(Health Commission)
**Health Commission Resolution 15-07, Memo from Commissioner Illig*

9) **FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:** **CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF BUDGET REDUCTIONS**
(Health Commission)
**Draft Resolution*

10) **FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:** **CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION PRIORITIZING BUDGET RESTORATIONS**
(Health Commission)
**Draft Resolution*

11) **CLOSED SESSION**

A) Public comments on all matters pertaining to the closed session

B) Vote on whether to hold a closed session

C) Closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 and San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.10(b)

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS:

MITCHELL H. KATZ, M.D, DIRECTOR OF HEALTH

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO THE HEALTH COMMISSION, MICHELE M. SEATON

D) Reconvene in Open Session

1) Possible Report on Action Taken in Closed Session (Government Code Section 54957.1(a)2 and San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(b)(2).)

2) Vote to Elect Whether to Disclose Any or All Discussions Held in Closed Session (San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(a).) (Action Item)

12) **OTHER BUSINESS*****

13) COMMISSIONER REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

14) ADJOURNMENT

* Explanatory documents are available at the Health Commission Office, 101 Grove Street, Room #311, telephone 554-2666.

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HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, May 6, 2008
At
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1) CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Illig called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Present: Commissioner James M. Illig, President
Commissioner Sonia E. Melara, MSW, Vice President
Commissioner Edward A. Chow, M.D.
Commissioner Margine A. Sako
Commissioner David J. Sanchez, Jr., Ph.D.
Commissioner Steven Tierney, Ed.D. – left at 6:30 p.m.
Commissioner Catherine M. Waters, R.N., Ph.D.

2) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF APRIL 15, 2008

Action Taken: The Commission approved the minutes of the April 15, 2008 Health Commission meeting.

3) GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Dave Fariello, Citywide Case Management, is concerned about the direction the cuts are going in, particularly cuts to supportive housing.

Norman Tanner urged the Commission not to eliminate funding for acupuncture services.

Denis Beaulne said do not cut acupuncture services.

Peter Dale urged the Commission not to cut Quan Yin acupuncture services.

Randy Allgaier, CARE Council, urged support for complementary therapies.

Mike Wonders spoke against eliminating the complementary therapy category.

Hulda Brown spoke against cutting acupuncture services.

Carla Wilson, Executive Director, Quan Yin Healing Arts, spoke against eliminating the complementary therapy category.

Larry Doss spoke against eliminating acupuncture services.

Anna Heath spoke against eliminating acupuncture services.

Joe Sieger, R.N., spoke against cuts to complementary therapies.

Anthony Rhody spoke against cuts to complementary therapies.

Jonathan VanNuys urged funding for complementary therapies.

Marko Serpas counts on the services of the immune enhancement project.

Mark Irwin spoke in support of complementary therapies.

Dennis Daniel spoke against cutting funding for complementary therapies and Quan Yin.

Steve Harlow, clinical director at New Leaf, expressed concern that they do not even have preliminary numbers for the budget cuts. He also expressed concern about the proposed resolution establishing implementation guidelines.

Patrick Regan, CVE, urged the Commission to allow CVE to decide how to best implement the budget cuts.

Steve Dahl spoke in support of the Immune Enhancement Project.

Nathan Manuson, API Wellness Center, spoke in support of complementary therapies.

Tom Calvenese spoke in support of complementary services, which are a critical part of his health care.

Elizabeth Maynard urged the Commission to fund complementary therapies.

Eve Meyer, San Francisco Suicide Prevention, spoke against cuts to Community Programs.

Jacob Moody, Bayview Hunters Point Foundation, raised concerns about the resolution proposed under Item 9. Also, the resolution does not encompass all it should, for example the Department's use of RFPs as a budget cutting tools.

Kavoos Bassiri, RAMS, said the Community Programs cuts will be devastating but he is pleased that the Commission is continuing the dialogue through these resolutions. He wants the agencies to decide how to implement the cuts. The Commission must be mindful of the impact of culturally specific services.

Frank Brooks spoke in support of complementary services and Quan Yin.

Richard Heasley, Conard House, spoke in support of the resolution establishing budget implementation guidelines, particularly #1, #2, and #3.

4) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Commissioner Tierney reported that the Finance Committee received and accepted the 3rd Quarter Financial Report, a revenue supplemental appropriation and the FY 2008-2009 patient rates. These will be agendized for approval at the next Health Commission meeting. The Committee also discussed the status of the implementation of the cuts to Community Programs.

5) DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mitchell H. Katz presented his Director's Report, which was distributed to Commissioners prior to the meeting.

Board of Supervisors Update: April 21 through May 9, 2008

On Monday, April 21, the Land Use and Economic Development Committee held hearings on the Deemed Approved Off-Sale Alcohol Use Nuisance Ordinance, and the status of the Eastern Neighborhoods Plan. At Tuesday's full Board meeting, the Board approved a General Fund Reserve allocation for structural budget deficiencies for Jail Health Services, and an amendment to the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Agreement to include the MHSA housing budget of $9.9 million.

During the week of April 28, the Land Use and Economic Development Committee on Monday heard the Planning Code and Health Code Medical Cannabis Dispensary Permit Extension. On Tuesday, the Board approved six accept and expend resolutions for five contracts ($468,469 from the California Emergency Preparedness Office for hospital preparedness; $781,839 from the California Department of Public Health for rapid HIV testing; $215,928 from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for HIV/AIDS project technical assistance; $343,000 from the Vitamin Cases Consumer Settlement Fund for nutrition services; and $66,325 from the California Department of Food and Agriculture for the pest exclusion project), and one gift ($300,000 of Buprenorphine from Reckitt Benkiser Pharmaceuticals). The Board also declared May 10 through 17 to be Hepatitis B Free Week in San Francisco. At the Budget and Finance Committee on April 30, two leases were approved for 68-12th St. (Emergency Medical Services) and 1360 Mission St. (STD Control and Prevention). Also on April 30, the City Operations and Neighborhood Services Committee heard three accept and expend resolutions, including $119,181 from UCSF for the International Mobility of HIV study; $139,432 from Public Health Foundation Enterprises for HIV vaccine research; and $500,000 from CalTrans for the Safe Routes to School Project.

This week (May 5 through May 9), the Government Audit and Oversight Committee is considering a resolution authorizing the Department to enter into a $73.1 million three-year contract with the California Department of Health Care Services for the Health Care Coverage Initiative to support Healthy San Francisco and is holding a hearing on the status of San Francisco children and youth needing residential treatment. The leases for 68 – 12th St. and 1360 Mission St., and the first reading of Planning Code and Health Code Medical Cannabis Dispensary Permit Extension ordinance are being heard at Tuesday's full Board meeting.

Mayor Introduces Cigarette Ban at Pharmacies

The Mayor introduced legislation Tuesday amending the Health Code to ban cigarette sales at pharmacies. It would take effect in October if the Board of Supervisors approves it. The proposed law would not apply to big box businesses such as Costco or grocery stores. DPH would enforce the law with violators facing fines of $100 to $1,000.

Health Care Security Ordinance (HCSO)
Last week San Francisco employers with more than 50 employees were required to make their first quarterly health care expenditure by April 30, 2008 to meet the Employer Spending Requirement (ESR). The ESR went into effect for for-profit employers with 20 – 49 employees on April 1, 2008. These employers have until July 31, 2008 to make their first quarterly health care expenditures.

In complying with the Ordinance, employers have a variety of options to choose from, such as health insurance, direct reimbursement to employees, health spending accounts, the City Option, etc. San Francisco employers are selecting the City Option to meet the ESR. The City Option provides an employee with either Healthy San Francisco or a Medical Reimbursement Account depending upon the employee's eligibility. Preliminary data on the City Option indicate the following as of May 2, 2008:

- Over 700 employers have selected the City Option.
- These employers have committed almost $6.4 million toward health care expenditures for their employees.
- Almost 13,600 employees will receive a benefit as a result of their employer's contribution:
    - 7,000 are potentially eligible for HSF and
    - 6,600 would potentially receive a Medical Reimbursement Account.

It is important to note that an employer does not enroll an employee into HSF. The employee must go through the HSF application process. As a result, the 7,000 is estimated enrollment. The employee must take action in order to become a HSF participant. It can take 4 – 6 weeks for an employee to get enrolled into HSF after the employer has made their required health care expenditure.

In total, there were 19,480 HSF participants as of May 2, 2008. Of those, two are participating as a result of the Employer Spending Requirement.

Data on other health care expenditure options selected by employers will be collected by the Office of Labor Standards Enforcement (OLSE) via the HCSO Annual Reporting Form. By the end of February 2009, employers must report to OLSE on how they met the Employer Spending Requirement for calendar year 2008. OLSE anticipates being able to report on the compliance data by mid-2009.

Healthy San Francisco Appears in Monday's Wall Street Journal
The May 5th edition of the Wall Street Journal provides some highlights to a national audience about the current status of Healthy San Francisco. The writer interviewed a wide variety of San Francisco based businesses and how they are incorporating the new requirement into their daily business operations.

This is Nurse Week: Today, May 6, is National Nurses Day
Nurse Week is celebrated annually from May 6—also known as National Nurses Day—through May 12, the birthday of Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing. The event gives us the opportunity to honor the important work and contributions that nurses make both in direct patient care and in managing programs.

On Monday, May 5 the Nursing Leadership Council saluted the dedicated nurses of DPH and SFGH during the annual Nurse's Week Reception at SFGH Cafeteria. The celebration began with Health Commissioner Catherine Waters, RN, PhD, FAHA, speaking to the staff on, "We Cannot

Afford to Be Silent," in Carr Auditorium. Commissioner Waters' presentation was followed by a reception and awards ceremony for the DPH Nursing staff. Awards were presented for SFGH Friends of Nursing, Daisy Award, Mildred Crear Award and the O'Connell Society Award for Advancing the Nursing Profession.

At Laguna Honda Hospital, the Nursing Executive Committee will host receptions throughout Nurse Day to honor the nursing staff on each shift. The committee will also present "Best Practices" awards in several categories, including care planning and medication administration. To close out the week on May 12, Mary Louise Fleming, R.N., PhD, will be the featured speaker at a luncheon, talking about "Partners in Care: Residents and Nurses Working Together." Mary Louise was former LHH Senior Associate Administrator and Director of Nursing.

Prior to yesterday's celebration at SFGH, the Nursing Leadership Council met for their Second Nurse Leaders" Retreat on Friday, May 2. Carol J. Bickford, PhD, RN-BC, American Nurses Association Senior Policy Fellow, was guest speaker. The event gave the Leadership team an opportunity to take a close look at "Scope & Standards of Nursing Practice: Implications and Opportunities for Nurse Administrators." The day also featured networking, a re-launch of Nurse Web & Nursing Notes and a forum entitled, "Day in the Life of DPH Nurses."

Former Health Commissioner John Blumlein Died

John Blumlein, former president of the San Francisco Health Commission died April 18th at the age of 89. Mr. Blumlein was appointed to the Health Commission in 1985 by then Mayor Dianne Feinstein. Prior to his appointment, he served as President of the Commission on Aging. He continued his community involvement after leaving the Health Commission by serving on the board of Mount Zion Hospital, California Pacific Medical Center and the Jewish Home for the Aged. A memorial celebration will be held on May 9th at 1143 Van Ness Avenue. I am sure you join me in acknowledging all of Mr. Blumlein's contributions and sending condolences to his family.

Update on St. Luke's Blue Ribbon Panel

St. Luke's Blue Ribbon Panel has had two very successful meetings to date resulting in constructive dialogue among panel members. The panel is scheduled to meet every other week until June, with the next meeting scheduled this Thursday.

May 6: World Asthma Day

Today, May 6th, is World Asthma Day and the San Francisco Asthma Task Force released its *Report to the Community on Asthma*. The report highlights environmental risk factors for asthma in schools and homes, and corresponding Task Force interventions. The event hosted this morning featured mapping of San Francisco-specific environmental risk factors for asthma, as well as disparities in uncontrolled asthma.

Free Health Shuttle Starting in the Bayview

A three-year grant from the San Francisco County Transportation Authority to the BVHP Foundation for Community Improvement will begin providing free transportation in the Bayview area beginning May 12th between various health providers and community centers frequented by residents of Bayview Hunters Point. The Shuttle, operated by American MAGIS Inc., will offer curbside service and, unlike service on paratransit, drivers will be able to assist disabled passenger such as those in wheelchairs or with limited mobility. It is no secret that BVHP residents face greater challenges to good health than residents in other parts of the City. This is but one small step to help residents access healthy living options in a community that has had limited choices. Special thanks to Karen Cohn who wrote the successful grant proposal.

Visitation Initiative to Launch in Partnership with Child Welfare System
The Community Behavioral Health Services (CBHS) Foster Care Mental Health Program, in partnership with the San Francisco Human Services Agency (HSA), will be launching a new visitation initiative designed to improve reunification outcomes for families involved in the child welfare system. The Visitation initiative will address two important areas that are not currently being met by the HSA: the length of time to reunification for families with children in the foster care system and the percentage of children re-entering foster care following reunification. Counties can face financial penalties for not meeting national standards. Under the new initiative, visitation best practices will be implemented.

Alice Gleghorn Receives Mental Health Association Award
Congratulations to Alice Gleghorn, Deputy Director of Community Behavioral Health, who will receive the Mental Health Association's Public Policy Leader Award at their annual fundraising reception on May 14 during Mental Health Month. Ms. Gleghorn is being honored for "upholding the vision of Proposition 63, the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), by initiating a new program where six consumers of Community Behavioral Health Services (CBHS) living with mental illness were hired as Implementation Specialists to work as part of the CBHS staff to implement the MHSA programs. The event will feature Academy Award winner Patty Duke as keynote speaker.

Dr. Katz announced the Nursing Award Winners:

- O'Connell Society Award - Gail Cobe RN CNS, LHH Dementia Unit
- Friends of Nursing Award - Commissioner Edward Chow, MD
- Daisy Award - Katherine Aschero, RN, 4B SFGH
- Mildred Crear Award - Fran Carter RN, MCG PHN Liaison SFGH

Dr. Katz gave a budget status report. The City's budget is still not balanced and the Mayor's Office is in discussion with labor. Regarding DPH's budget, the transition of clients due to budget reductions, for example Chronic Care Public Health Nursing clients, has gone well. Ms. Garcia continues to work with agencies to implement the budget cuts. This is very intensive work. Ms. Garcia said that the contract letters will be released this week. She has had preliminary discussions with residential providers. Once letters informing agencies of the amount of money they will receive staff will arrange meetings with each contractor and do individual negotiations.

The Commission will adjourn in memory of former Health Commissioner John Blumlein. President Illig will write a letter of condolence to Mr. Blumlein's family on behalf of the Health Commission.

6) PRESENTATION OF NEW FINANCE COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

Steven Tierney, Ed.D., Finance Committee Chair, described the proposed changes to the Finance Committee structure, which will allow the committee to take a more proactive role in reviewing and approving the annual budget, engage in policy discussions of fiscal issues and review contracts and grants when appropriate, again from a policy level. Mr. Tierney said that with the changes it will no longer be necessary for every contract and grant to be approved by the Commission. Rather, the committee will focus on certain types of contracts, specifically those for new programs or services or those where the agency is subject to a plan of correction. The committee will focus on best practices and outcomes. The Finance Committee recommends a review of the new structure in six months.

Commissioner Comments/Follow-Up Action

- Return to the Commission at a future meeting with a final recommendation for the Finance Committee. The final recommendation should make it clear that the Health Commission has final approval authority over the issues that the Committee is reviewing.

7) AMENDMENTS TO THE HEALTH COMMISSION RULES OF ORDER

Commissioner Illig presented proposed changes to the Health Commission's Rules of Order. He suggests that the Commission revisit any language related to the two new committees after those committees have met a few times. He also suggests reviewing the section "Items to be Heard by the Commission" at a future meeting.

Commissioner Comments/Follow-Up Action

- The Commission Secretary will get an opinion from the Deputy City Attorney about the appropriateness of the language on page 8 that states that committee meetings will be noticed so that a majority of Health Commissioners can attend and vote at the committee meeting.

- The Health Commission will discuss at a future Health Commission meeting the changes related to the two new committees that are being formed, and further discussion of "Items to be Heard by the Commission."

Action Taken: The Commission approved the amendments to the Health Commission Rules of Order.

8) DISCUSSION OF HEALTH COMMISSION BUDGET PRINCIPLES

Commissioners discussed the budget principles that were established by the Health Commission in November 2007. Commissioners said they want guiding principles based on a strategy and that globally plan for healthy lives for all San Franciscans. Principles should be discussed in terms of long range planning. Cultural competency should be a core principle.

9) CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF BUDGET REDUCTIONS

Commissioner Illig presented proposed guidelines for implementing the budget reductions that were approved by the Health Commission. Commissioners discussed the proposal. The budget principles and the implementation guidelines for implementation will be referred to the committees for discussion in terms of next year's budget. Commissioner Illig withdrew his motion to approve the resolution.

Public Comment

Corrina Bice, licensed acupuncturist, spoke in support of complementary therapy.

Thomas Robert Simpson spoke in support of funding for complementary and alternative therapies.

Thomas Calvanese asked for clarification on whether the proposal to eliminate the complementary services category could be put on hold while the Commission deliberates on principles.

Commissioners' Comment/Follow Up Action

- The Commission requested additional information about the elimination of the complementary services category. Dr. Katz will return to the Commission with a list of the cuts and the impacts.

10) CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION PRIORITIZING BUDGET RESTORATIONS

The Commission discussed the resolution recommending budget restorations to the Mayor and Board of Supervisors, should funds become available. Commissioners agreed that the Commission should reach consensus on the top three priorities to make the resolution as strong as possible. The Commission will send the resolution to the Mayor and Board of Supervisor with a passionate letter explaining the importance of restoring these services. The Commission agreed to advocate for the following:

1. Restoration of budget reduction for Community Programs
2. Restoration of budget reduction that limits mental health services only to people with serious mental illness
3. Backfill of the expired TB Grant

Action Taken: The Commission (Chow, Illig, Melara, Sako, Sanchez, Waters) approved Resolution 10-08, "Urging the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to Restore Funding for Critical Department of Public Health Programs and Services" (Attachment A).

11) CLOSED SESSION

A) Public comments on all matters pertaining to the closed session

None.

B) Vote on whether to hold a closed session

Action Taken: The Commission (Chow, Illig, Melara, Sako, Sanchez, Waters) voted to hold a closed session.

The Commission went into closed session at 6:40 p.m. Present in closed session were Commissioner Illig, Commissioner Chow, Commissioner Melara, Commissioner Sako, Commissioner Sanchez and Commissioner Waters.

C) Closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 and San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.10(b)

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS:

MITCHELL H. KATZ, M.D, DIRECTOR OF HEALTH

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO THE HEALTH COMMISSION, MICHELE M. SEATON

D) Reconvene in Open Session

The Commission reconvened in open session at 7:00 p.m.

1) Possible Report on Action Taken in Closed Session (Government Code Section 54957.1(a)2 and San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(b)(2).)

2) Vote to Elect Whether to Disclose Any or All Discussions Held in Closed Session (San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(a).)

Action Taken: The Commission (Chow, Illig, Melara, Sako, Sanchez, Waters) voted not to disclose any discussions held in closed session.

12) OTHER BUSINESS

None.

13) COMMISSIONER REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

14) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Michele M. Seaton
Health Commission Executive Secretary

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HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, May 20, 2008
At
4:00 p.m.
101 GROVE STREET, ROOM 300 or ROOM 302
San Francisco, CA 94102

1) **CALL TO ORDER**

2) **PROPOSED ACTION:** **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF MAY 6, 2008**
**Minutes of the meeting of May 6, 2008*

3) **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT****

4) **FOR DISCUSSION:** **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
(Mitchell H. Katz, M.D., Director of Health)
(Report on activities and operations of the Department)
**Director's Report*

5) **EMS ANNUAL AWARDS**
**List of Awardees*

6) **FOR ACTION:** **APPROVAL OF A REVENUE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR FY 2007-2008**
(Gregg Sass, Chief Financial Officer)
**Supplemental Appropriation*

7) **FOR ACTION:** **APPROVAL OF FY 2008-2009 PATIENT RATES**
(Gregg Sass, Chief Financial Officer)
**Patient Fees*

8) **FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:** **CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A SODA FREE SUMMER**
(Christina Carpenter, Community Health Promotion and Prevention)
**Resolution*

9) **FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:** **CHILDHOOD UNINTENTIONAL INJURY PREVENTION PROGRAM UPDATE AND A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE PROGRAM**
(Michael Radetsky, Community Health Promotion and Prevention)
**Update, Resolution*

10) **FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:** **UPDATE ON PROPOSITIONS 98 AND 99, AND CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION**
(Jim Soos, Deputy Director, Office of Policy and Planning)
**Update, Resolution*

11) **FOR ACTION:** **RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE REBUILD OF SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL HOSPITAL**
(Gene O'Connell, SFGH Executive Administrator)
** Resolution*

12) **FOR DISCUSSION:** **FY 2008-2009 BUDGET UDPATE**
(Mitchell H. Katz, M.D., Director of Health)
**Update*

13) **CLOSED SESSION**

A) Public comments on all matters pertaining to the closed session

B) Vote on whether to hold a closed session

C) Closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 and San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.10(b)

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS:

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D) Reconvene in Open Session

1) Possible Report on Action Taken in Closed Session (Government Code Section 54957.1(a)2 and San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(b)(2).)

2) Vote to Elect Whether to Disclose Any or All Discussions Held in Closed Session (San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(a).) (Action Item)

14) **OTHER BUSINESS****

15) **COMMISSIONER REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

16) **ADJOURNMENT**

* Explanatory documents are available at the Health Commission Office, 101 Grove Street, Room #311, telephone 554-2666.

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1) CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Illig called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

Present: Commissioner James M. Illig, President
Commissioner Sonia E. Melara, MSW, Vice President, arrived at 3:55 p.m.
Commissioner Edward A. Chow, M.D.
Commissioner Margine A. Sako
Commissioner Steven Tierney, Ed.D.
Commissioner Catherine M. Waters, R.N., Ph.D.

Absent: Commissioner David J. Sanchez, Jr., Ph.D. (excused)

Commissioner Illig said that the Commission would take public comment on the budget from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., then take the 4:00 p.m. special order, and then resume public comment on the budget.

2) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF MAY 6, 2008

Action Taken: The Commission (Chow, Illig, Melara, Sako, Tierney, Waters) approved the minutes of the May 6, 2008 Health Commission meeting.

3) GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

4) DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mitchell H. Katz presented his Director's Report, which was distributed to Commissioners prior to the meeting.

Board of Supervisors Update: May 12 through May 23, 2008
On Tuesday, May 13, the full Board adopted four accept and expend resolutions ($119,181 from UCSC for an international mobility of HIV study; $139,432 from the Public Health Foundation Enterprises to support HIV vaccine research; $500,000 from CalTrans to support the "Safe Routes to School Project;" and $63,567.48 from Cal/EPA to support the Aboveground Petroleum Storage Act program), passed an ordinance extending the deadline for Planning and Health Code permits for medical cannabis dispensaries, authorized the Department to enter into a contract with the California Department of Health Care Services for $73.1 million over three years to support Healthy San Francisco, and passed a resolution proclaiming June, July and August as "Soda Free Summer" in San Francisco.

At the Land Use and Economic Development Committee on Monday afternoon May 19, there was a hearing on the status of the Eastern Neighborhoods plan. On Tuesday, the full Board will hear an ordinance to refinance the Laguna Honda variable rate general obligation bonds, resolutions extending the Planning Commission's review on liquor store siting and accepting and expending an $18,676 grant from UCSF to support HIV rapid testing and counseling in drug abuse treatment programs, and a motion adopting the Planning Department's report on the interim moratorium on tobacco paraphernalia stores. At Wednesday's Budget and Finance Committee, there will be a hearing on an ordinance revising the Board of Appeals surcharge on permit fees for retail tobacco outlets.

Mayor Newsom Kicks Off SFGH Bond Initiative
On Tuesday, May 13, Mayor Gavin Newsom, flanked by SFGH CEO Gene O'Connell, Commissioners Jim Illig and Edward Chow, MD, and a number of representatives from the Trauma and Medical staff, gathered on the grounds of SFGH to announce the introduction of the SFGH bond initiative. The Department of Public Health is proposing an $887.4 million general obligation bond measure on the November ballot in order to build a new, seismically safe SFGH.

Norovirus Outbreak at Moscone Conference Center
On Wednesday, May 7, the Moscone Conference Center staff contacted the Department of Public Health Environmental Health Section to report that a number of Moscone Center employees were reporting symptoms consistent with Norovirus. Over the next three days, DPH staff from Environmental Health and Communicable Disease Control & Prevention worked with staff from the Conference Center, advising them on effective cleaning and sanitizing practices and developing a flyer to alert those attending the conference that a suspected Norovirus was present and how to prevent its spread. We kept the Mayor's office informed as the event evolved, posted information on our website at http://sfcdcp.org/norovirus.cfm and worked with the 3-1-1 call system to provide information to the concerned public. Approximately 70 individuals were reported to have caught the virus. This infection generally lasts for 24-48 hours and most people recover quickly. The diagnosis of Norovirus was confirmed by our Public Health Laboratory.

New Affordable House Site Opens May 22

The Grand Opening Celebration for Parkview Terrace, 871 Turk St. @ Gough St is on May 22, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Parkview Terrace Apartments is a new affordable housing site with 100 one-bedroom and studio units designated for seniors who are 55 years and older.

SFGH Goes Smoke Free

On July 1, 2008, San Francisco General Hospital will become a smoke free campus. Patients, visitors and staff will not be permitted to smoke inside hospital buildings, parking lots or gardens. To promote positive health behaviors and accountability for patients, SFGH will continue to provide free smoking cessation groups and nicotine replacement therapy for patients who smoke. Staff will determine and document patient smoking status in all inpatient units. Upon admission, patients will sign an agreement to refrain from smoking while at SFGH and patients will no longer be allowed to leave the unit to smoke. Over the next two months, the Smoke Free Campus Task Force will be educating staff, preparing smoking cessation literature, providing smoking cessation resources and advertising the implementation of our new policy. We look forward to taking a leadership role in promoting positive health changes in the lives of San Franciscans.

Ban on Tobacco Products in Pharmacies Gaining National Attention

As the Commissioners will recall, Mayor Newsom has proposed a ban on pharmacies in San Francisco selling tobacco products. We are seeing a national trend among some retailers such as Target who have eliminated all tobacco sales and a number of states also have proposals to eliminate tobacco sales in pharmacies with walk-in clinics. This trend is a very positive one for public health. If the Board of Supervisors passes Mayor Newsom's initiative, the ordinance would take effect on October 1.

STD Awareness Month

As reported in last month's Director's Report, April was STD Awareness Month, providing the STD Prevention and Control Section an opportunity to roll out myriad community-based activities to highlight the importance of getting tested for STDs. Using the current "Dogs are Talking" campaign theme, events included an outreach walk by the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, STD screening featuring radio and video personalities, distribution of reusable "Dogs are Talking canvas tote bags, a special appearance on Channel 2 morning TV, poster contests, specialty "Dogs are Talking" napkins in bars and posters displayed throughout the Castro and South of Market reinforcing STD testing and awareness. City Entertainment, an adult bookstore, and Blow Buddies, a popular club in the Castro, issued stamps on receipts and cards reminding clients to get tested for STD's every 3-6 months. Rates of early syphilis are continuing to increase. For the first quarter of 2008, 75 P&S cases were reported compared to 47 cases during the same time period last year, an increase of 60%.

Hep B Free

The Hep B Free campaign is one of the City's most successful, far-reaching efforts. Last week was designated Asian Heritage Week, featuring a number of events, with a focus on SF Hep B Free.

- The San Francisco Hep B Free campaign added the SF Giants to their long list of partners. The week of May 12 was designated Asian Heritage Week www.sfhepbfree.org. Giants' fans were able to purchase special tickets to Saturday's White Sox game, with $9 from each ticket going to the Hep B Free campaign.
- Also on Saturday the 4th Annual Asian Heritage Street Celebration in Japantown featured free hepatitis B screening.

- The May 13th edition of the San Francisco Chronicle featured an excellent Open Forum piece by Assemblywoman Fiona Ma entitled, "Killers Among Us, Help San Francisco Be Hep B Free Now."
- Alan Wang, a reporter for Channel 7, produced a special feature on Hep B that ran on Monday during the 7 p.m. news segment. Mr. Wang and all of his siblings have Hep B.

We are grateful to Ted Fang for his leadership role in our goal to make San Francisco the first Hep B free city in the nation.

EPA Grant

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Water Security Initiative has agreed to fund a proposal submitted by Environmental Health's Program on Health, Equity and Sustainability in collaboration with SFPUC's Water Quality Division. Public Health is one of five components of this three-year multi-million dollar initiative. Under the grant, staff will analyze health-related data that will allow us to respond to illness caused from contamination in drinking water. An equally important aspect of the program will give us and our public health partners the ability to coordinate resources when responding to local and regional water contamination incidents.

New Deputy Director of HIV Prevention

Dr. Katz announced that Tracey Packer has accepted the position of Deputy Director of the HIV Prevention Section. Tracey has worked at the AIDS Office for 16 years. As a trained Health Educator, she brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the position, including her work as the government co-chair on the HIV Prevention Planning Council. Tracey served as Interim Director of HIV Prevention when the position was vacated by Commissioner Tierney, a "temporary" assignment she held for nearly two years prior to the appointment of Grant Colfax, MD.

Benefit for Shape Up SF Yields $5500

The Shape Up SF Benefit at the Cheryl Burke Dance Studio on April 5th raised $5,500. Dancing with the Stars instructor Cheryl Burke and her partner Cristian de la Fuente were there as were numerous other notables including Jerry Rice, Drew Lachey and Tom Bergeron.

Barbara Garcia Granted Honorary Leadership Degree

The California Institute of Integral Studies (CIIS) will award Barbara A. Garcia with an Honorary Degree in Innovative Leadership and Service to the Community at its May 20, 2008 Commencement at the Palace of Fine Arts. Barbara serves on the President's Advisory Council at CIIS and has helped shape the new Counseling Psychology Program in Community Mental Health which CIIS will launch in Fall 2008.

Community Health Network, SFGHTC Credentials Report, May 2008

	05/08	7/07 to 05/08
New Appointments	5	181
Reinstatements	0	0
Reappointments	48	512
Delinquencies:	0	0
Reappointment Denials:	0	0
Resigned/Retired:	12	147

Disciplinary Actions	0	0	
Restriction/Limitation-Privileges	0	0	
Deceased	0	2	
Changes in Privileges			
Additions	4	84	
Voluntary Relinquishments	4	43	
Proctorship Completed	8	91	
Proctorship Extension	0	0	
Current Statistics – as of 05/01/08			
Active Staff	502		
Courtesy Staff	540		
Affiliate Professionals (non-physicians)	221		
TOTAL MEMBERS	1,263		
Applications In Process		68	
Applications Withdrawn Month of May 2008		0	3 (07/07 to 04/08)
SFGH Reappointments in Process 05/2008 to 08/2008		178	

LHH Credentials Year-to-Date Report, 7/1/2007 to 04/30/2008

New Appointments	4
Reinstatements	0
Withdrawal	0
Reappointments	40
Delinquencies:	0
Reappointment Denials:	0
Resigned/Retired	4
Disciplinary Actions	0
Restriction/Limitation of Privileges	0
Changes in Privileges	0
Additions	0
Voluntary Relinquishments	0

5) EMS ANNUAL AWARDS

TIME CERTAIN: 4:00 P.M.

President Illig presented the 2008 EMS Awards.

EMS FIELD PROVIDER AWARD
Jeany Duncan, EMT-P, SFFD
Larry J. Bradshaw, EMT-P, SFFD

EMS HOSPITAL PROVIDER AWARD
Sharon Kennedy, RN, BSN, San Francisco General Hospital

EMS COMMUNITY SERVICES AWARD
Kathy Dalle-Molle, San Francisco State University

EMS DISPATCHER AWARD
Diane G. Paulsen, Dept. of Emergency Management

RAYMOND LIM EXCELLENCE IN EMS AWARD
Assistant Deputy Chief Robert Navarro, ret'd, EMT-P, SFFD

EMS SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD
Jonny Frank, EMT-P, SFFD

Commissioner Illig welcomed Chief Joanne Hayes-White of the San Francisco Fire Department, who congratulated all the winners.

6) APPROVAL OF A REVENUE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR FY 2007-2008

Gregg Sass, Chief Financial Officer, presented a proposed $16.9 million revenue supplemental appropriation for FY 2007-2008. The supplemental is fully funded with revenues and other savings within the Department of Health, and no additional General Fund appropriation is required.

Action Taken: The Commission (Chow, Illig, Melara, Sako, Tierney, Waters) approved the Revenue Supplemental Appropriation for FY 2007-2008.

7) APPROVAL OF FY 2008-2009 PATIENT RATES AND OTHER FEES

Gregg Sass, Chief Financial Officer, presented proposed increases to patient rates and several fee ordinances that are scheduled for submission to the Board of Supervisors for FY 2008-2009. At its May 6th meeting, the Finance Committee of the Health Commission recommended approval of increases to patient rates. In addition the City Attorney advises that other fee ordinances for Public Health and increase and/or establish new fees also require Health Commission approval.

Action Taken: The Commission (Chow, Illig, Melara, Sako, Tierney, Waters) approved the FY 2008-2009 Patient Rates and Other Fees.

8) CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A SODA FREE SUMMER

Christina Carpenter, Community Health Promotion and Prevention, presented the Soda Free Summer Resolution. To raise awareness and empower young people and families to reduce or eliminate products full of sugar and high fructose corn syrup, the Bay Area Nutrition and Physical Activity Collaborative (BANPAC) is launching a regional "Soda Free Summer" campaign in 2008. The regional campaign is being coordinated by SF DPH staff. This campaign is in keeping with the

Shape Up San Francisco Initiative. Mayor Gavin Newsom has issued a proclamation declaring June – August 2008 Soda Free Summer and the Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution. Additionally the Board of Education will introduce a resolution at their respective sites.

Action Taken: The Commission (Chow, Illig, Melara, Sako, Tierney, Waters) approved Resolution 11-08 "Proclaiming June, July and August of 2008 as "Soda Free Summer" in san Francisco City and County," (Attachment A).

9) CHILDHOOD UNINTENTIONAL INJURY PREVENTION PROGRAM UPDATE AND A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE PROGRAM

Michael Radetsky, Community Health Promotion and Prevention, presented an update on the Childhood Unintentional Injury Prevention Program. CHPP has received funding from the California Kids' Plate Program, a statewide fund supported by license plate purchase, to support a three-year effort to coordinate and enhance DPH's childhood injury prevention efforts. Injury is the leading cause of death for children and disproportionately affects low-income and minority children. Prevention efforts have been narrowly focused and not well coordinated. CHPP is calling on all divisions and unites of DPH to collaborate to improve the safety of all children in San Francisco, and is seeking the Health Commission's support in this effort by endorsing, via resolution, a DPH-wide collaboration in childhood unintentional injury prevention program.

Commissioners' Comments

- Commissioner Melara asked if they have developed collaborations with other departments and the private sector. Mr. Radetsky said they work very closely with the MTA and the Department of Parking and Traffic as well as the Police Department. With a previous grant DPH was able to fund the Police Department to do additional traffic enforcement. They need to do further work around changing community norms about driving and traffic safety.

Action Taken: The Commission (Chow, Illig, Melara, Sako, Tierney, Waters) approved Resolution 12-08 "Endorsing a DPH-wide Collaboration in a Childhood Unintentional Injury Prevention Program" (Attachment B).

10) UPDATE ON PROPOSITIONS 98 AND 99

Jim Soos, Deputy Director, Office of Policy and Planning, updated the Commission on Propositions 98 and 99. Two competing ballot measures, Propositions 98 and 99 will appear on the June 3, 2008 California ballot. Both measures are California State Constitutional amendments designed to limit the power of State and local government in the use of eminent domain to condemn private property for use by private developers. Both are also in response to the 2005 U.S. Supreme Court decision, *Kelo v. City of New London*, in which the Court sided with the City of New London against a homeowner who was being forced from her home under Connecticut's eminent domain law to make way for a private development that would increase tax revenue for the city. The Court didn't endorse the condemnation; it only said that Connecticut can enforce its eminent domain laws without federal interference. Propositions 98 and 99 also come on the heals of the 52 percent to 48 percent defeat of Proposition 90 in November 2006, which also would have curbed government's ability to use eminent domain as well as a host of other regulations on real estate use including zoning and subdivision limits, among others.

Proposition 98 is the Howard Jarvis Taxpayer Association sponsored "California Property Owners and Farmland Protection Act." Proposition 99 is the League of California Cities and League of California Homeowners sponsored "Homeowners and Private Property Protection Act."

Commissioner Illig said the Commission is prohibited from taking positions on ballot measures so this is an informational item only.

11) FY 2008-2009 BUDGET UDPATE

Secretary's Note - This item was called as the first order of business at 3:00 p.m.

Gregg Sass, Chief Financial Officer, gave an overview of the additional cuts that were presented to the Mayor's Office. On May 7, the Mayor's Budget Office notified City Departments that the budget remained unbalanced and set additional general fund reduction targets. The Health Department was asked to reduce use of general fund by an additional $16 million. A reduction plan was (Secretary's Note: The budget update and list of reductions is available on the Health Department website at
http://www.sfdph.org/dph/comupg/aboutdph/insideDept/budget/default.asp)

Public Comment

Peter Morris, DEAP Program, spoke against eliminating the DEAP program, which is a revenue producing program for the City and County of San Francisco.

Mark Espinosa, Executive Director of Native American Health Center, said the cuts would be devastating to his agency.

Dennis Manuelito, Director of HIV Services at Native American Health Center, spoke against the budget cuts.

David Knego, Executive Director of Curry Senior Center, spoke against the cuts, particularly in the area of primary care.

Teri McGinnis, Deputy Executive Director of Lyon Martin Women's Services said they were not informed directly of the cuts. Primary care is a critical part of Healthy San Francisco and cutting funds will mean that 250 people will not have a medical home.

Dick Hodgson, San Francisco Community Clinic Consortium, spoke against cuts to community clinics, which are a critical part of Healthy San Francisco.

Fernando Gomez-Benitez, Mission Neighborhood Health Center, spoke against cuts to primary care as well as cuts to HIV services.

Daren Robertson spoke against cuts to the STOP program.

Randolph Vanderford spoke against cuts to the STOP program. This is a truly unique program.

Mike Wonders spoke against cuts to complementary services.

Carla Wilson, Quan Yin Healing Arts Center, spoke against eliminating the entire complementary therapies service category. If this is eliminated there will be no access to care.

Dr. Ricardo Alvarez, Director of HIV Services and Homeless Services at Mission Neighborhood Health Center, spoke in support of MNHC's HIV outreach program and acupuncture services, which are both up for complete elimination. No categorical cuts.

Denis Beaulne spoke against cuts to Quan Yin, Project Open Hand and other services.

Don Soto, Lutheran Social Services of Northern California, spoke against defunding supportive services, specifically money management. This service is a key to people maintaining housing.

Max Haptonstahl, Director of Mobile Assistance Patrol, spoke against cuts to Community Programs and described the impact of the cuts to MAP.

Bill Hirsch, AIDS Legal Referral Panel, said the elimination of all funding would mean a quarter of their budget would disappear overnight. There will be nowhere for the people who need services most to go.

Jeff Wilcox, Board of Directors, AIDS Legal Referral Panel, urged the Commission to reject eliminating legal services from the budget.

Laura Thomas, co-chair of the HIV Health Services Planning Council, said the cuts move the city in a direction that are not consistent with federal legislation and do not reflect the Planning Council's prioritization. She spoke in support of complementary care.

Ann Harrison, Executive Director of New Leaf Services, spoke against cuts to community programs.

Hank Wilson spoke in support as complementary services, which for some of the 800 people they serve is core care. Don't eliminate the category.

Michael Siever, co-chair, Mayor's Task Force on Crystal Meth, said the cuts are appalling. The cuts will be devastating to methamphetamine services. This eliminates any possibility of treatment on demand.

Eve Meyer, San Francisco Suicide Prevention, spoke against the destruction of community based mental health care.

Brett Andrews, Executive Director of Positive Resource Center, spoke against eliminating benefits counseling, and urged the Commission to have robust discussions with the Mayor's Office around these cuts.

President Illig called for a break in Public Testimony for the 4:00 p.m. Time Certain

Sherilyn Adams, Larkin Street Youth Services and co-chair of the Human Services Network, said the cuts will significantly impact their services for youth. Further, the cuts will be devastating to community services and will increase costs to emergency services.

Jimmy Loyce, Executive Director, Black Coalition on AIDS, said the cuts will result in a $125,000 cut because of the second round of cuts that are moving forward. He is losing case management and relief workers who are critical to providing services.

Nancy Rubin, CEO, Edgewood Center for Children and Families, said the cuts are difficult and incomprehensible. DPH had agreed to pay the fees, but now the fees are eliminated in this round of cuts. The Health Commission needs to stand with the community.

Ignacio Palomaria, client of STOP outpatient program, spoke against cuts to the program. Clients will go back to the streets.

Valerie Gruber, Ph.D., spoke against the cuts to public health and the elimination of the STOP program.

Jon Kessler, client of STOP, spoke against the elimination of these critical services.

Jonathan Vernick, Executive Director, Baker Places, said the cuts to Baker Places are approximately $900,000, which is greater to what is shown on the Commission's document. They are faced with cutting a unique detox program. Please help fight these cuts.

Mary Kate Connor, Executive Director, Caduceus Outreach Services, said they were on the verge of closing last year and, at the request of the community, were awarded money by the City. The budget cut they heard on Friday is their entire budget. These cuts will cost the city.

Dr. John Neinow, Medical Director of Haight Ashbury Free Clinics, spoke against the cuts to primary care, which is the lynchpin to a cost effective, sensible health care system.

Human Nature, client of STOP, spoke against cutting this unique, compassionate recovery program. There is no place for addicts to go.

Jonathan Van Nuys, client at Quan Yin, spoke in support of their services. It is a place of healing and refuge and is vital to his health care.

Commissioners' Comments

- Commissioner Illig said that these cuts were a surprise to the Health Commission and Commissioners will join the community in protesting these cuts to the Mayor and Board of Supervisors.

- Commissioner Tierney asked if using MHSA funding to backfill cuts to AB 2034 is allowed by the State. Mr. Sass said that this seems to be the only exception to the non-supplantation rule, and counties around the state have worked closely with the State on this issue. Commissioner Tierney said the Commission should condemn these cuts. The City is rightfully setting up offices to do greening and other initiatives can afford to hold off on these initiatives rather than devastating mental health, substance abuse, primary care and other services. The Mayor's Office and Board of Supervisors needs to prioritize services to the most vulnerable populations.

- Commissioner Melara said the Commission's role is to work with elected officials to find way to bring the money back to the Department. She does not want to be in an adversarial position. She wants the Commission to be on the same page as staff. If we do anything for the next agenda she wants it to reflect working with the Mayor and Board of Supervisors.

- Commissioner Waters asked staff to attached a memo to the additional budget cuts that detail the impacts the cuts will have on the public so that when the Mayor looks at the numbers it reflects the true impacts. This is a positive way of expressing concern about the cuts.

- Commissioner Sako wants to add a commitment to next year's budget to not go through this next year. It is incumbent upon the Commission to ensure that there are not three different requests for cuts from the Mayor's Office and that cuts are not sent to the Mayor's Office without the Commission's approval. This process is unacceptable.

- Commissioner Chow said that all departments are given proportional cuts as if all services are the same, that a nurse is the same as a gardener. There is no prioritization of services across the city. Someone at the leadership level must decide what the priorities are. So beyond what the Health Commission can do, it is a matter of what the City's leadership can do. Set asides are the wrong way to do business. He supports demonstrating the impact of

these cuts to the Mayor's Office, to put meaning behind the cuts. Perhaps the Department is out of mitigations at this point, but he would like staff to provide information if there are mitigating factors to some of the cuts. Unless the City's legislative leadership prioritizes the provision of health services to vulnerable populations, it does not matter what steps the Commission takes to make this a rational process. Dr. Katz said the Health Department is now at a $60 million cut in general fund. You cannot cut $60 million of health services specifically directed at the uninsured and the underinsured and not expect any harm. The principles that remain are no cuts to primary prevention and housing. This has certainly been the worst budget year. This is the first budget where the instructions got worse and this leads to a chaotic process. In this last round the Health Department had to provide $16 million in cuts to the Mayor's Office in a 48-hour period. Citywide prioritization is difficult, particularly in light of voter mandates. Nobody takes pleasure in any of these cuts and everybody is looking at solutions for how to avoid it.

- Commissioner Illig asked if there is any way of knowing which department submitted cuts and which did not. Dr. Katz said that it was very clear that certain departments had not complied with the instructions and the Health Department had. The Mayor's Office made it clear that they do not need Departments' help to make these cuts; the Mayor's Office can make the cuts for them. Commissioner Illig asked if the Mayor's Office was going to ask for the additional $5 million to reach the $16 million target. Dr. Katz said they may, but reiterated that the Mayor's Office has not allocated $7 million of the Health Department's structural budget request. Commissioner Illig asked how the Mayor is allowed to ask departments for additional cuts when the Administrative Code says Commissions approve the submission of the budget. Dr. Katz said that it is likely that this falls under the responsibility of the executive branch and the charter requirement that the executive must balance the budget.

- Commissioner Illig said we need to communicate our frustration to the Mayor so that next year we are not in the same situation. He would much rather have the Department have an accounting problem instead of closing a program and putting people out on the streets. If the Department overspends then positions are frozen, and this gets at the heart of the problem, which is the labor costs. Commissioner Illig said the City Attorney is going to prepare on opinion on what the maintenance of effort requirement means.

- Commissioner Tierney said the Commission should draw a line in the sand and take a position that supports services to the most vulnerable populations, and that we do have to take different action to make these budget cuts.

- Commissioner Illig asked that the new Planning Committee put on its agenda a letter to the Mayor's Office regarding the proposed cuts. Commissioner Tierney will take the first stab in drafting this letter, which will be publicly discussed next Tuesday at 2:00 p.m.

12) CLOSED SESSION

A) Public comments on all matters pertaining to the closed session

None.

B) Vote on whether to hold a closed session

Action Taken: The Commission (Chow, Illig, Melara, Sako, Tierney, Waters) voted to hold a closed session.

The Commission went into closed session at 6:00 p.m. Present in closed session were Commissioner Chow, Commissioner Illig, Commissioner Melara, Commissioner Tierney and Commissioner Waters.

C) Closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 and San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.10(b)

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS: MITCHELL H. KATZ, M.D, DIRECTOR OF HEALTH

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO THE HEALTH COMMISSION, MICHELE M. SEATON

D) Reconvene in Open Session

The Commission reconvened in open session at 6:25 p.m.

1) Possible Report on Action Taken in Closed Session (Government Code Section 54957.1(a)2 and San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(b)(2).)

2) Vote to Elect Whether to Disclose Any or All Discussions Held in Closed Session (San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(a).) (Action Item)

Action Taken: The Commission (Chow, Illig, Melara, Sako, Tierney, Waters) voted not to disclose any discussions held in closed session.

13) OTHER BUSINESS

None.

14) COMMISSIONER REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

15) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Michele M. Seaton
Health Commission Executive Secretary

Attachment: (1)

HEALTH COMMISSION
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
RESOLUTION NO 11-08

PROCLAIMING JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST OF 2008 AS "SODA FREE SUMMER" IN SAN FRANCISCO CITY AND COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Bay Area Nutrition and Physical Activity Collaborative (BANPAC) is organizing a regional Soda Free Summer Campaign including Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Mateo, San Francisco and Santa Clara counties.

WHEREAS, the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends eliminating soft drinks from schools; and

WHEREAS, the American Dental Association recommends limiting soda intake; and

WHEREAS, the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey III (NHANES III) found an association between overweight and soft drink consumption; and

WHEREAS, a National Heart Lung Blood Institute Growth and Health Study found a three-fold increase in soda consumption among youth between 9 and 19 years and found that high soda intake predicts an increase in body mass index and decrease in dietary calcium; and

WHEREAS, a Women's Health Study found that women who drink soda or sweetened fruit drinks every day were more likely to develop Type 2 Diabetes as compared to women who have such beverages once a month or less; and

WHEREAS, reducing intake of added sugars (especially sugar-sweetened beverages) may be helpful in achieving recommended nutrient intakes and weight control; and

WHEREAS, soda is largest source of added sweeteners for children; and

WHEREAS, the prevention of diabetes, and obesity are among the most urgent health challenges of our day; and

WHEREAS, an African American or Latino child born today has a 50% chance of developing Type 2 Diabetes; and

WHEREAS, approximately 46% of Bay Area Region adults and teens and approximately 41% of San Francisco adults and teens are overweight or obese; and

WHEREAS, between 18-26% of Bay Area Region children and approximately one quarter (24%) of San Francisco children in grades 5, 7, 9 are overweight; and

WHEREAS, the Shape Up SF Initiative, staffed by Department of Public Health and Department of Children, Youth, and their Families, is committed to preventing chronic disease; now, therefore, be it

HEALTH COMMISSION
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
RESOLUTION NO 11-08

RESOLVED that the Health Commission proclaims June, July and August of 2008 as "Soda Free Summer" in San Francisco City and County, and urges all San Franciscans to join Shape Up SF to Rethink Your Drink and go Soda Free this summer.

I hereby certify that the San Francisco Health Commission at its meeting of May 20, 2008 adopted the foregoing resolution.

Michele M. Seaton
Executive Secretary to the Health Commission

HEALTH COMMISSION
City and County of San Francisco
Resolution No. 12-08

ENDORSING DPH-WIDE COLLABORATION IN A CHILDHOOD UNINTENTIONAL INJURY PREVENTION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, nationally and locally, unintentional injury is the leading cause of death for children ages 1 through 14 years, and the cause of more deaths than all childhood diseases combined; and,

WHEREAS, about 200 San Francisco residents age 14 and under have been hospitalized each year with serious injuries over the past three years; and,

WHEREAS, 102 San Francisco residents age 14 and under have been fatally injured over a 10-year period; and,

WHEREAS, national estimates suggest that these figures equate to between 1,000 and 4,000 San Francisco residents age 14 and under requiring treatment in emergency rooms each year; and,

WHEREAS, many of these injuries disproportionately affect low-income and minority children; and,

WHEREAS, the vast majority of these injuries are entirely preventable, using well-established injury prevention strategies and safety equipment; and,

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Department of Public Health has received grants from the California Office of Traffic Safety and the California Department of Transportation to address child passenger and child pedestrian safety; and,

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Department of Public Health has received a three-year grant from Center for Injury Prevention Policy and Practice to keep children safe in San Francisco by establishing a coordinated, multidisciplinary Childhood Unintentional Injury Prevention Program; and,

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Department of Public Health is committed to promoting the health of all San Franciscans; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Health Commission supports the development of a multidisciplinary Childhood Unintentional Injury Prevention Program in the San Francisco Department of Public Health addressing childhood injury prevention, and calls upon all relevant divisions and units in the Department to collaborate in developing and implementing a coordinated effort.

I hereby certify that the San Francisco Health Commission at its meeting of May 20, 2008 adopted the foregoing resolution.

Michele M. Seaton
Executive Secretary to the Health Commission

Attachment B

James M. Illig
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AGENDA

HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, June 3, 2008
At
4:00 p.m.
LAGUNA HONDA HOSPITAL, 3rd FLOOR LIBRARY
375 Laguna Honda Boulevard
San Francisco, CA 94116

1) **CALL TO ORDER**

2) **PROPOSED ACTION:** **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF MAY 20, 2008**
**Minutes of the meeting of May 20, 2008*

3) **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT****

4) **FOR DISCUSSION:** **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
(Mitchell H. Katz, M.D., Director of Health)
(Report on activities and operations of the Department)
**Director's Report*

5) **FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:** **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**
(Steven Tierney, Ed.D., Finance Committee Chair
**Finance Committee Packet*

6) **FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:** **PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT**
(Sonia Melara, MSW, Planning Committee Chair)
** Planning Committee Packet*

7) **FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:** **LAGUNA HONDA HOSPITAL ANNUAL REPORT AND STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE**
(John Kanaley, LHH Executive Administrator)
**Annual Report and Strategic Plan*

8) **FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:** **LAGUNA HONDA HOSPITAL REPLACEMENT PROJECT UPDATE**
(John Thomas, Project Manager, LHH Replacement Project)
**Update*

9) **FOR DISCUSSION AND: POSSIBLE ACTION:** **UDPATE ON TRANSITION PLANNING FOR THE NEW BUILDING**
(Larry Funk, LHH Associate Administrator)
**Update*

10) **FOR DISCUSSION AND: POSSIBLE ACTION:** **CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING CLARENDON HALL AND COMMENDING STAFF**
(John Kanaley, LHH Executive Administrator)
**Resolution*

11) **CLOSED SESSION**

A) Public comments on all matters pertaining to the closed session

B) Vote on whether to hold a closed session

C) Closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 and San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.10(b)

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS:

MITCHELL H. KATZ, M.D, DIRECTOR OF HEALTH

D) Reconvene in Open Session

1) Possible Report on Action Taken in Closed Session (Government Code Section 54957.1(a)2 and San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(b)(2).)

2) Vote to Elect Whether to Disclose Any or All Discussions Held in Closed Session (San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(a).) (Action Item)

12) **OTHER BUSINESS****

13) **COMMISSIONER REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

14) **ADJOURNMENT**

* Explanatory documents are available at the Health Commission Office, 101 Grove Street, Room #311, telephone 554-2666.

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HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, June 3, 2008
At
4:00 p.m.
LAGUNA HONDA HOSPITAL, Room A300
375 Laguna Honda Boulevard
San Francisco, CA 94116

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1) CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Illig called the meeting to order at 4:20 p.m.

Present: Commissioner James M. Illig, President
Commissioner Sonia E. Melara, MSW, Vice President
Commissioner Edward A. Chow, M.D.
Commissioner David J. Sanchez, Jr., Ph.D.
Commissioner Steven Tierney, Ed.D.
Commissioner Catherine M. Waters, R.N., Ph.D.

Absent: Commissioner Margine A. Sako (excused)

2) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF MAY 20, 2008

Action Taken: The Commission (Chow, Illig, Melara, Sanchez, Tierney, Waters) approved the minutes of the May 6, 2008 Health Commission meeting.

3) GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Patrick Monette-Shaw said there is anecdotal data that LHH discharge planners are unable to find appropriate places to discharge patients to.

Alexandra Kutik said the budget increase for the Department of Public Health is not having any beneficial impact on community based contractors.

4) DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mitchell H. Katz presented his Director's Report, which was distributed to Commissioners prior to the meeting.

Board of Supervisors Update: May 26 through June 6, 2008
During the week of May 26th, most committees and the full Board did not meet due to the Memorial Day holiday. There were no items relevant to the Health Department at the one committee that did meet, Budget & Finance.

On June 2nd there was a hearing on the status of the Eastern Neighborhoods plan at the Land Use and Economic Development Committee. On Tuesday, the full Board will hear an ordinance to refinance the Laguna Honda variable rate general obligation bonds and an ordinance revising the Board of Appeals surcharge on permit fees for retail tobacco outlets. At Wednesday's Budget and Finance Committee, there will be a hearing on a resolution approving the Mental Health Services Act Workforce Development Education and Training Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan. A resolution authorizing the Department to accept and expend a new grant in the amount of $1,244,866 from the Department of Health & Human Services to support a project entitled "Improving HIV/AIDS Treatment and Prevention Services" will be heard at City Operations & Neighborhood Services on Thursday. There are no items relevant to the Health Department at Thursday morning's Rules Committee, and Thursday afternoon's City & School District Select Committee meeting was cancelled.

Mayor Newsom delivers his budget address for 07-08

Gregg Sass, Chief Financial Officer, gave the Finance Committee an overview of the Mayor's Budget, which was released on Monday, June 2nd.

St. Luke's Blue Ribbon Panel Update

The Blue Ribbon Panel met on Thursday May 29th. At the meeting there was consensus on the following points: St. Luke's Hospital should be rebuilt as an acute care hospital. It should include an emergency department, medical-surgical floors, intensive care unit, low-risk obstetrics and pediatrics. In the rebuild workforce development and patient base need to be protected, with a clear preference for maintaining existing facilities while rebuilding the new ones. At additional meetings the group will be looking for additional areas of consensus. Two public input meetings are being held this week: June 3rd and June 5th.

Laguna Honda Has "Best Survey Ever"
Laguna Honda had "its best survey ever" last month, according to California Department of Public Health Inspector Mary Coulton, the team leader for ten state surveyors, who gave the skilled

nursing facility its annual regulatory survey from May 19 - 28. Coulton made her remarks at an exit interview with Laguna staff. A written report is due in early June. The bill of health marks the second year in a row that Laguna Honda has earned high marks from state inspectors. John Kanaley, Executive Director, lead a hospital wide celebration to mark the occasion. The good outcome of the survey reflects LHH's commitment to function at survey-ready levels at all times with an emphasis on organizational change, resident-centered care and team nursing.

Participation in Carnaval

The Department of Public Health was well-represented at last weekend's Carnaval celebration in the Mission. More than 30 health-related agencies and organizations sponsored tables in the Carnaval SF Health Pavilion, which has grown into a full-city-block long tent. This year was the 30th Anniversary of Carnaval and the theme was "Many Cultures, One Spirit United in Health." Carnaval officials estimated that 20,000 people walked through the Health Pavilion on Saturday and Sunday, many of them stopping to gather health information, learn about services, and get free screenings and referrals.

Internship Program for High School Students Returns to DPH

The Department is getting ready to participate in its second summer internship program for high school students. This project is sponsored by Community Health Promotion & Prevention and the Department's Human Resources Division in collaboration with the San Francisco Unified School District's School-to-Careers Office and the Hekima Project at Southeast Community College.

Eighteen high school students interested in health and information technology careers have been matched with mentors throughout the Department. During the six-week internship the mentors will orient the students to their work unit, and provide assignments and opportunities for job shadowing. The program also includes weekly group activities related to public health topics and careers. The students will be invited to attend a Health Commission meeting as part of their internship. We look forward to welcoming them June 16th.

Shape Up Featured on KGO TV

Shape Up BVHP is being featured Tuesday, June 3 at 3 p.m. on KGO 7's program entitled, "View from the Bay." Late last week a film crew shot footage at Bret Harte Elementary and DoubleRock Garden with a group of excited 3rd graders and their garden educator, Ms. Dana..

San Francisco: A Healthy City

On May 29th, the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM) released its first "American Fitness Index," ranking San Francisco and the Bay Area as the top metropolitan area for health, community fitness and health care. This designation fits well into the current *Active for Life* campaign underway throughout the City, encouraging employees to make healthy lifestyle choices by increasing their level of physical activity and eating healthy food. We are fortunate to live in an area that allows us to maintain an active lifestyle all year round. The Department of Public Health has 11 DPH *Active for Life* teams with nearly 150 employees participating.

Bay Area Public Health Officials Condemn ICE Raids

San Francisco Department of Public Health joined other public health departments and officials throughout the Bay Area last week in releasing a joint statement criticizing recent raids conducted by the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) branch of the Department of Homeland Security. Here is the statement issued: "As public health officials, we have great concerns about the methods used in recent immigration enforcement activities. When families are separated, children are afraid to go to school and contact with

any public agency, including health facilities, is avoided for fear of reprisal, it undermines the health of our communities. We have come to understand the fundamental importance for public health of people feeling safe and secure, that they are part of a supportive community and that they have not been arbitrarily or maliciously marginalized because of their race or ethnicity. There can and must be better ways to enforce immigration laws than the recent use of raids and intimidation."

American Cancer Society Award

Blue Walcer, founder and director of the CARE program and health education coordinator at San Francisco General Hospital, was one of eight outstanding cancer care providers to receive the 2008 American Cancer Society's *Lane W. Adams Quality of Life Award.* The Award recognizes individuals who have made a difference through innovation, leadership, and providing compassionate care and counsel to persons living with cancer. In presenting the award, the American Cancer Society described Ms. Walcer as "understanding more than most the obstacles faced by poor or even homeless cancer patients. She has provided participants of the CARE program with comprehensive cancer-related education, thereby enhancing patient's understanding of their diagnosis and encouraging these cancer patients to gain a sense of control over their lives."

Public Comment

Patrick Monette-Shaw is interested in the Blue Ribbon Committee's opinion on the issue of the closure of St. Luke's SNF beds. He urged the Health Commission to request that the Blue Ribbon Committee's report include a discussion of the SNF population.

5) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Steven Tierney, Ed.D., Finance Committee Chair, reported on the activities and actions of the June 3, 2008 Finance Committee meeting.

Highlights

- Approved a new software license and maintenance agreement with Netsmart
- Approved the May 2008 DPH contract list.
- Approved on principle the Commission's letter to the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors regarding the proposed budget.
- Received an update on the Mayor's Budget, and had a discussion about next year's budget process. The Finance will dedicate a meeting to discussing the Commission's budget principles.
- Approved a new health inspection fee requested by the City Attorney.

Commissioner Illig asked for an update on the Department's response to the Hospital Council's offer to donate $700,000 to the community ADU. Dr. Katz said he believes the Hospital Council is going to give the money directly to Progress Foundation, and not go through the Health Department. Mr. Sass will follow up with Steve Fields of Progress Foundation and the Hospital Council.

Public Comment

Mo Kashmiri, SEIU 1021, said the budget really cuts into public health and the budget should not be balanced on the backs of the poor. The question is what are we doing to take the lead on the budget and not be in the same place next year?

Action Taken: The Commission (Chow, Illig, Melara, Sanchez, Tierney, Waters) approved the Finance Committee Report, including approval of the following:

- A new software license and maintenance agreement with Netsmart
- The May 2008 DPH contract list
- The Commission's letter to the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors regarding the proposed budget.
- Approved a new health inspection fee

6) PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Sonia Melara, MSW, Planning Committee Chair, reported on the activities and actions of the May 27, 2008 Planning Committee Meeting.

Highlights

- The committee will now be called the Citywide Health Planning and Effectiveness Committee.
- The proposed mission for the committee is "to protect and promote the health of all San Franciscans using a systemwide, collaborative and preventive approach to health care services."
- The committee developed principles and outcomes for the committee. One of the primary ideas is to ensure that the committee brings together all the stakeholders in our health care system to really do a collaborative planning process to ensure we are moving in the same direction. The Committee will formally present its proposed mission, principals and outcomes to the Health Commission for approval.
- Dr. Katz presented the vision for the Department of Public Health.

Action Taken: The Commission (Chow, Illig, Melara, Sanchez, Tierney, Waters) accepted the Planning Committee Report.

7) LAGUNA HONDA HOSPITAL ANNUAL REPORT AND STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

John Kanaley, LHH Executive Administrator, presented Laguna Honda Hospital's Annual Report and Strategic Plan update. Mr. Kanaley presented demographics on the ethnicity, gender, age and payor mix for Laguna Honda Hospital patients. Mr. Kanaley highlighted accomplishments for each of the LHH's three strategic goals:

- Goal 1: Ensure regulatory compliance, performance improvement and high-quality care.
- Goal 2: Develop a systematic approach to successfully build and initiate the operational planning for the new hospital
- Goal 3: Establish and improve communication within and outside LHH.

Highlights included passing the California Department of Health Services annual Licensing and Certification Survey on the first attempt. This is the second consecutive year LHH has done so and is a clear indicator of high quality care.

2007-2008 challenges have mainly been around growing pains: trying to reduce the census; adapt to budget challenges; transition to the new building

Where Are We Going in FY 2008-2009

- New Value Statement: "Our Residents Come First"
- Keep the same three goals
- Clarendon Hall closure
- Transition to 780 residential census

Public Comment

Hosea Thomas, M.D., Chief of Medical Staff, expressed concern about reducing the medical staff by an additional 3 FTE, in addition to the 7 FTE position reduction that the medical staff already agreed to. This will ultimately impact resident care and safety. He distributed letters from various members of the medical staff.

Dr. Lorraine Killpack, Chief of Psychiatry Services, said they need sufficient staff to provide high quality care. They are very concerned about the most recent medical staff reductions.

Dr. Michael Coleman said further cuts would damage patient well being and staff performance and well being, further the staff was in the midst of good faith discussions when they received word of additional cuts.

Jim Zelaya Wagner described the complexity of LHH patients and said these patients cannot get the services they get from LHH anywhere else, except San Francisco General Hospital.

Nicole Kunibe described the uniqueness of the LHH Department of Psychiatry, which allows patients to have a better quality of life. She spoke against cuts to the department.

Patrick Monette-Shaw is concerned about where people will receive SNF care in San Francisco. He urged the Health Commission to fast track discussions about building additional SNF beds in San Francisco.

September Williams, M.D., said there must be an appropriate number of well trained, in-house physicians to adequately care for a complex, diverse, long-term care population.

Paul Kelly spoke against laying off the hospice chaplain.

Commission Comments/Follow Up Action

- The issue of SNF capacity will be a topic discussed at the Citywide Health Planning and Effectiveness Committee.

- The Laguna Honda Hospital Joint Conference Committee will follow up on the following issues that were highlighted in the Annual Report: resident satisfaction survey baseline result and cultural competency baseline results.

8) LAGUNA HONDA HOSPITAL REPLACEMENT PROJECT UPDATE

John Thomas, Project Manager, presented an update on the replacement project. Construction of the three buildings approved in the Program's current budget—the Link Building, and the South and East Residence Buildings—and the associated new hospital site improvements continue. These new facilities will accommodate 780 residents and are scheduled to open in early 2010. As of the end of May 2008, construction on the three buildings is approximately 65% complete. Installation of the

interior wall framing and installation of drywall continues in the Link and South Residence Buildings. Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing installation is underway in all three buildings. The exterior window walls have been installed on the east and west faces of the Link building. With exterior wall framing completed on all buildings, the contractor is now focusing on providing a weather tight enclosure before the end of this summer. Window frames and flashing are installed in the South Residence, with paper and metal lath about 90% complete. Stucco application began on May 19th on the South Residence and will take approximately three months to complete. The East Residence building, which experienced additional delays due to damages sustained during the storm of January 4th, is also in the process of 'drying' in the building. 'DensGlas' has been installed on the exterior of the East Residence with the window collar, windows and lathing to follow. Remodel of the existing Hospital began in June 2007. This work is being performed in phases in order to minimize the impacts to the operating Hospital. Initial phases have focused on upgrading the fire exit stairs in Wing H, and have progressed to structural upgrades at Simon Auditorium and the Chapel. Stair #1 upgrades are underway and are expected to be complete by June. Following Stair #1, the team will focus their efforts on construction of new restrooms adjacent to Simon Auditorium as well as the foundation work necessary to construct the breezeway corridor connections. Completion of Phase I of the remodel will coincide with opening of the South Residence and Link Buildings.

The Furniture and Medical Equipment Management Services contract is for a professional service to provide a turnkey management solution for the medical equipment, resident room furniture and resident laundry equipment, library millwork and furniture. Negotiations were completed last quarter and the contract was certified in December, 2007. The FF&E team has been working closely with the Contractor, Architect and Hospital staff to coordinate the procurement of equipment for the new facilities.

All residents have been relocated from Clarendon Hall in anticipation of closing this building by June 30. 2008. Hazardous materials abatement work will begin immediately upon turnover of the building (July 1), and is estimated to take two months to complete. Demolition work will proceed after that for an additional two to three months. Beginning as early as November 2008, construction of the Connector Structure / East Residence Building loading dock will commence. The final phase of work, including the demolition of a portion of the existing wings of the main hospital (wings D, E, F & G) and the associated sitework creating entrances to the remodeled existing hospital (wings A, B, C & H) will follow the relocation of all remaining residents from the existing main hospital. This phase is not expected to begin before 2010.

In light of the delays on the project, the City has added staff to the architectural and the City team in order to help identify and resolve problems at the earliest possible opportunity, in order to help improve productivity on the project to the originally planned levels. This effort was begun in February and has started to yield positive results, including a reduction in the number of outstanding RFIs (requests for information) as well as an increase in the number of trades people working on the project. Other areas of focus for the new team members include more rapid processing of Change Orders and Force Account work. Although we know the cost projections will exceed the available budget, we continue to work with the contractor to define the amount and we are working with the Mayor's Budget Office to determine available funding.

Public Comment

Patrick Monette-Shaw said the COPs were supposed to have been for the assisted living component of the rebuild project. The SFGH bond measure will be strongly affected by the LHH bond

measure. There has been no information about the cost of the overrun. The Health Commission should work closely with the bond oversight committee to get clarity on the amount of the overrun.

George Wooding, West of Twin Peaks Central Council and Midtown Terrace Homeowners Association, said the neighborhoods want to know the cost overruns that are being incurred by Laguna Honda, particularly in light of the SFGH rebuild bond.

Comments/Follow Up Action

- Commissioner Illig asked LHH staff to provide budget information to the public.

9) UDPATE ON TRANSITION PLANNING FOR THE NEW BUILDING

Larry Funk, LHH Associate Administrator, presented an update on transition planning for the new building. He presented the vision statement, the transition planning implementation timeline, the Transition Planning Committee structure, a critical task log sample and examples of workflow analysis tasks. Mr. Funk summarized the transition budget, which totals $15.1 million over FY09 and FY10, the vast majority of which is for education and training for staff. The Furniture Fixtures and Equipment (FF&E) budget is projected to be $41.5 million. This has been requested through the Mayor's budget. Mr. Funk said they are participating in the Pebbles Research Project where they will do research, presentation and publication focused on the improved resident outcomes, safety, satisfaction and operational efficiency of the new building.

10) CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING CLARENDON HALL AND COMMENDING STAFF

Secretary's Note – this presentation was presented earlier on the agenda, right after Item 6.

John Kanaley, LHH Executive Administrator, introduced a video presentation that highlighted the 100-year history of Clarendon Hall and the staff that works there. Commissioner Illig thanked the staff of Clarendon Hall for their wonderful care, and read the Health Commission resolution memorializing Clarendon Hall and commending the final LHH staff to serve there led by Lolita Caceras.

Action Taken: The Commission (Chow, Illig, Melara, Sanchez, Tierney, Waters) approved Resolution 13-08 "Memorializing Clarendon Hall's 100 Years of Service and Commending the Final Laguna Honda Staff Members to Serve There" (Attachment A).

11) CLOSED SESSION

A) Public comments on all matters pertaining to the closed session

None.

B) Vote on whether to hold a closed session

Action Taken: The Commission (Chow, Illig, Melara, Sako, Tierney, Waters) voted to hold a closed session.

The Commission went into closed session at 6:25 p.m. Present in closed session were Commissioner Chow, Commissioner Illig, Commissioner Melara, Commissioner Sanchez, Commissioner Tierney and Commissioner Waters.

C) Closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 and San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.10(b)

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS:

MITCHELL H. KATZ, M.D, DIRECTOR OF HEALTH

D) Reconvene in Open Session

The Commission reconvened in open session at 6:50 p.m.

1) Possible Report on Action Taken in Closed Session (Government Code Section 54957.1(a)2 and San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(b)(2).)

2) Vote to Elect Whether to Disclose Any or All Discussions Held in Closed Session (San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(a).)

Action Taken: The Commission (Chow, Illig, Melara, Sako, Tierney, Waters) voted not to disclose any discussions held in closed session.

12) OTHER BUSINESS

None.

13) COMMISSIONER REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

14) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Michele M. Seaton
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Attachment: (1)

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1) **CALL TO ORDER**

2) **PROPOSED ACTION:** **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF JUNE 3, 2008**
**Minutes of the meeting of June 3, 2008*

3) **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT****

4) **FOR DISCUSSION:** **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
(Mitchell H. Katz, M.D., Director of Health)
(Report on activities and operations of the Department)
**Director's Report*

5) **FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:** **PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF THE CITYWIDE HEALTH PLANNING AND EFFECTIVENESS COMMITTEE (CHPEC)**
(Sonia Melara, MSW, Citywide Health Planning and Effectiveness Committee Chair)
** CHEPC Memo*

6) **FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:** **CITYWIDE HEALTH PLANNING AND EFFECTIVENESS COMMITTEE REPORT**
(Sonia Melara, MSW, Planning Committee Chair)
**CHPEC Packet*

7) **OTHER BUSINESS*****

8) **COMMISSIONER REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

9) **ADJOURNMENT**

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1) CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Melara called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Present: Commissioner Sonia E. Melara, MSW, Vice President
Commissioner Edward A. Chow, M.D.
Commissioner Margine A. Sako
Commissioner David J. Sanchez, Jr., Ph.D.
Commissioner Steven Tierney, Ed.D.
Commissioner Catherine M. Waters, R.N., Ph.D.

Absent: Commissioner James M. Illig, President (excused)

2) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF JUNE 3, 2008

Action Taken: The Commission (Chow, Melara, Sako, Sanchez, Tierney, Waters) approved the minutes of the June 3, 2008 Health Commission meeting with corrections to the closed session attendance. Also, Commissioner Melara noted for the minutes that the Citywide Health Planning and Effectiveness Committee approved Dr. Katz's vision statement for the Department of Public Health at the May 27th meeting.

3) GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

4) DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Anne Kronenberg, Deputy Director of Health, presented the Director's Report.

Board of Supervisors Update: June 9 through June 20, 2008
On Monday, June 9, the Government Audit & Oversight Committee heard a resolution outlining the Board's commitment to eliminate health disparities in San Francisco. At Land Use & Economic Development, there was a resolution to acquire the Dolores Hotel and a hearing on the status of the Eastern Neighborhoods Plan. At Tuesday's Full Board Meeting on June 10, the Board passed an ordinance revising the Board of Appeals surcharges, and adopted resolutions approving the Mental Health Services Act Workforce Development Education and Training Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan and authorizing the Department to accept and expend a $10,000 grant to support resident transitions at Laguna Honda Hospital.

At the full Board on Tuesday, June 17, the Board will hear resolutions to accept and expend a $1,244,866 grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to support HIV/AIDS treatment and prevention services, to acquire the Dolores Hotel for HUH SRO housing and to urge Congress to hold hearings on House Resolution 676 – The United States National Health Insurance Act. The full Board will also hold the Department's Beilenson Hearing on Tuesday. On Thursday, the Budget & Finance Committee will hear resolutions approving amendments to five health and behavioral health contracts, concurring with the Controller's certification that security services for various department sites can be performed by a private contractor for a lower cost, and authorizing the Department to accept and expend retroactively a one-time funding award of $4,758,228 from the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Modernization Act. The Department's Annual Appropriation Ordinance and Annual Salary Ordinance will also be heard at Thursday's Budget & Finance Committee. Finally, Budget & Finance will consider various fee increases related to environmental health, ambulance permits, and patient rates.

CPMC Grants
A number of programs and collaboratives within the Department have been awarded grants from California Pacific Medical Center (CPMC). Following is a list of the programs and collaboratives that have been awarded grants:

Programs
•Chinatown Public Health Center - Chinese Lay Health Workers Diabetes Education & Management Program ($25,000)
•Nutrition Services - *Mujeres Saludables!* (Healthy Women)
•Curry Senior Center - Healthy in Six Languages/Ensuring Access for Underserved Older Adults ($10,000)
•Family Health Center at SFGH - Health Coaches for Youth ($25,000)
•Look to End Abuse Permanently (LEAP) coordinated by Dr. Leigh Kimberg of Maxine Hall Health Center ($10,000)
•Health Initiatives for Youth - Dimensions Clinic ($44,650) SFGH Foundation - Cancer Awareness,
•Resources, and Education Program ($10,000)
•SFGH Women's Health Center & Breastfeeding Support Services

Citywide collaboratives supported by SFDPH
•Adolescent Health Working Group - Improving the Capacity of Health Care Providers to Prevent and Treat STD/HIV
•Southeast Food Access Working Group
•San Francisco Hep B Free - Media Outreach
•Mental Health Association of San Francisco - 2008 Compulsive Hoarding and Cluttering Conference
•San Francisco Asthma Task Force - Preventing Asthma with Safer Cleaning Practices at School, etc.

Healthy Housing Assessments
A joint effort from Women, Infants & Children (WIC) and Children's Environmental Health Promotion (CEHP) has begun, offering healthy housing assessment to WIC clients with children under three years old. The Special Project promotes resident knowledge of their right to healthy and safe housing, and helps resident's access resources to resolve substandard housing conditions. Homes will be assessed for lead hazards, mold, pests and asthma triggers, when relevant. Residents will learn about carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning and receive a CO monitor for their participation. Mailings offering these services to clients are being gradually sent to various zip codes, in Spanish and Chinese, giving priority to the zip codes with the greatest rates of lead exposure findings per population at risk.

Childhood Injury Prevention Conference a Success
Community Health Promotion and Prevention sponsored a day-long conference on *Strategies for Preventing Childhood Injury* on June 12 at the GLBT Center on Market Street. Over 60 persons attended, including a good showing from throughout DPH of nurses, health educators and community agency representatives. The keynote address was presented by Barb Alberson, the Director of Injury Prevention for the California Department of Health Services, and panelists from Alameda and Contra Costa Health Departments who talked about their various programs. There were skill-building workshops and workshops on addressing specific injury problems, including child occupant safety and child pedestrian safety.

MHSA Client Satisfaction Surveys
Three Implementation Specialists will be visiting MHSA-funded programs this month to gauge client satisfaction through a client survey. The programs initially chosen for review are Larkin Street, the Senior Peer Recovery Center, and Hospitality House. The surveys were developed by the Specialists with assistance from Tom Bleecker, Assistant Director of Research and Evaluation to get a better idea of what's working and what may need improving from the clients' perspective. Final results will be shared with the programs and with MHSA administrators.

Stop Smoking Classes Offered at Two Health Centers
The Tobacco Free Project has launched stop smoking classes at Maxine Hall and Southeast Health Centers. The services are being provided through collaboration with staff at the health centers who have identified smokers and conducted outreach and follow up. The first stop smoking session series at the two health centers enrolled 30 smokers.

City Clinic Wins Best of San Francisco Award
City Clinic has been selected for the **2008 Best of San Francisco Award** in the Clinics category by the U.S. Local Business Association (USLBA). The USLBA "Best of Local Business" Award Program recognizes outstanding local businesses throughout the country that have achieved exceptional marketing success in their local community and enhance the positive image of small business through service to their customers and community.

Sojourn Chaplaincy to Honor Roland Pickens

Sojourn Chaplaincy at San Francisco General Hospital (SFGH) has selected Roland Pickens, Senior Associate Hospital Administrator at SFGH, to receive its Leadership Award at Sojourn Chaplaincy's 25th anniversary celebration on June 21 here in San Francisco.

"View from the Bay " link

The Director's Report of June 3 mentioned TV coverage of the work Shape Up BVHP is doing with third graders to encourage children to make healthy food choices by getting involved in gardening and growing vegetables. Here is the link to the "View from the Bay" program where the segment appeared.

http://abclocal.go.com/kgo/story?section=view_from_the_bay/home_garden&id=6182667

Community Health Network, SFGH&TR Credentials Report, June 2008

	06/08	7/07 to 06/08
New Appointments	7	188
Reinstatements	0	0
Reappointments	51	563
Delinquencies:	0	0
Reappointment Denials:	0	0
Resigned/Retired:	2	149
Disciplinary Actions	0	0
Restriction/Limitation-Privileges	0	0
Deceased	0	2
Changes in Privileges		
Additions	8	91
Voluntary Relinquishments	3	46
Proctorship Completed	10	101
Proctorship Extension	0	0

Current Statistics – as of 05/01/08			
Active Staff	500		
Courtesy Staff	535		
Affiliate Professionals (non-physicians)	221		
TOTAL MEMBERS	1,256		
Applications In Process		83	
Applications Withdrawn Month of June 2008		0	3 (07/07 to 06/08)
SFGH Reappointments in Process 05/2008 to 08/2008		223	

5) PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF THE CITYWIDE HEALTH PLANNING AND EFFECTIVENESS COMMITTEE (CHPEC)

Commissioner Melara, chair CHPEC, presented the mission, principles, outcomes and structure for CHPEC, which were revised at the CHPEC meeting that preceded the Health Commission meeting. The principles are as follows:

Principles

1. Data will be used to develop health priorities and outcomes.

2. Recognize that the responsibility for population health, which includes both prevention and health promotion and health care, extends beyond the role and mandate of the Department of Public Health. The department must extend its impact via collaboration.

3. Establish policies and strategies that will guide the implementation of health services for San Franciscans (recognizing that DPH is charged with population health and being the safety net for vulnerable populations).

4. Bring together city departments, commissions and private sector coalitions related to the delivery system of housing, health care, social services, safety and environmental quality to provide the Committee with input to its mission.

Outcomes

1. Identify the top priorities for San Francisco by convening individuals and groups.
2. Have a greater influence on population health systems development by engaging partnerships in conversations with us and each other.
3. Provide input to the Finance Committee on the Commission's guiding budget principles for future budget development.
4. For future DPH budgets, recommend efficiencies and initiatives that are based on health priorities and outcomes that will be substantiated with evidence and/or promising practices and a working knowledge of services from other systems of care.
5. Strategically assess and evaluate DPH programs and initiatives.

Commissioner Melara announced that the committee will be discussing the committee membership at the next meeting. At this point the Committee members are only the three commissioners, and the committee will discuss whether to add staff or community representatives. Commissioner Melara said that over the next six months the committee will evaluate its principles and outcomes.

Action Taken: The Commission (Chow, Melara, Sako, Sanchez, Tierney, Waters) approved the CHPEC mission, principles, outcomes and structure.

6) CITYWIDE HEALTH PLANNING AND EFFECTIVENESS COMMITTEE REPORT

Anne Kronenberg, Director of Policy and Planning, presented an overview of the San Francisco Community Health Planning Strategy. Ms. Kronenberg said that the Health Department adopted a Strategic Plan in 2000 and updated it in 2004. The Department, with the guidance of the new Health Commission committee and in partnership with the Charity Care Working Group and Building a Healthier San Francisco, is undertaking a different approach for citywide health planning. The San Francisco Community Benefits Partnership came out of a series of meetings between the Charity Care Working group and the hospitals' needs assessment group to discuss improved planning and priority setting. The goal is to have a greater impact at the neighborhood

level. The group will be used as a community process in close conjunction with the Health Commission and CHPEC. The Partnership will focus on four areas: access to care; chronic disease management; communicable disease; and violence prevention.

Outcomes

- Improved health of San Franciscans addressing disproportionate unmet need
- Community benefit modeling tool developed based on ASACB, HMSF and complementing the epidemiology research of Dr. Aragon
- Hospitals strategize, coordinate and collaborate to maximize community benefits
- Health Matters In San Francisco website expanded and enhanced
- Charity Care Report streamlined
- Better communication with stakeholders

Comments/Follow-Up Action

- Commissioner Chow said that some patients are seen outside of organizations such as clinics and hospitals. This planning effort must include as safety net providers physicians who are providing care in a private setting for minorities and safety net patients. Commissioner Chow will work with Ms. Kronenberg on this issue.

7) OTHER BUSINESS

The Commission agreed to cancel the July 1, 2008 meeting. The July 1st Finance Committee will be canceled as well.

Commissioner Chow thanked the Environmental Health Division staff, in particular Dr. Rajiv Bhatia and Richard Lee—for the prompt response to the San Francisco Examiner's inaccurate article on restaurant inspections.

8) COMMISSIONER REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Chow announced that San Francisco General Hospital is still awaiting its Joint Commission Survey. The survey team has yet to arrive.

9) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

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MINUTES

CITYWIDE HEALTH PLANNING AND EFFECTIVENESS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, June 17, 2008
2:00 p.m.
101 Grove Street, Room 302
San Francisco, CA 94102

1) CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Melara called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Present: Commissioner Sonia E. Melara, MSW, Chair
Commissioner Margine A. Sako, Member

Absent: Commissioner Steven Tierney, Ed.D., Member

Staff: Thomas Aragon, Deputy Health Officer, Anne Kronenberg, Director, Office of Policy and Planning, Jim Soos, Deputy Director, Office of Policy and Planning, Rajiv Bhatia, Director of Environmental Health Services, Barbara Garcia, Director of Community Programs, Alicia Neumann, Policy and Planning, Ginger Smyly, Director, Community Health Promotion and Prevention and Tangerine Brigham, Director of Healthy San Francisco.

Guests: Abby Yant, St. Francis Memorial Hospital, Alex Kutik, Former Boardmember of Conard House, Barry Lawlor, St. Mary's Medical Center, Elena Tinloy, Chinese Hospital, Amy Tsui, Chinese Hospital, Shirley Lampkin, CPMC and Sarah Gordon, San Francisco Community Clinic Consortium.

2) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 27, 2008 CHPEC MEETING

Action Taken: The Committee approved the minutes of the May 27, 2008 meeting.

3) APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE PRINCIPALS, OUTCOMES AND STRUCTURE

The Committee continued the discussion of the mission, principles and outcomes that were discussed at the previous meeting.

Principles

1. Data will be used to develop health priorities and outcomes.
2. Recognize that the responsibility for population health, which includes both prevention and health promotion and health care, extends beyond the role and mandate of the department of public health. The department must extend its impact via collaboration.
3. Establish policies and strategies that will guide the implementation of health services for San Franciscans (recognizing that DPH is charged with population health and being the safety net for vulnerable populations).
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5. Strategically assess and evaluate DPH programs and initiatives.

There was discussion about committee membership and whether to include people others than the commissioners on the committee. The committee tabled this discussion to a future meeting.

4) PRESENTATION ON CITYWIDE HEALTH PRIORITIES

Anne Kronenberg, Director of Policy and Planning, presented an overview of the San Francisco Community Health Planning Strategy. The Department is undertaking a different approach to citywide health planning, working closely with community partners. Anne Kronenberg and Elena Tinloy will co-chair the San Francisco Community Benefits Partnership. The goal of the partnership is to have a greater impact at the neighborhood level. The group will be used as a community process in close conjunction with the Health Commission and CHPEC. The Partnership will focus on four areas: access to care; chronic disease management; communicable disease; and violence prevention. Ms. Kroneberg would like CHPEC to provide leadership to this effort and be a public forum and sounding board.

Commissioner Sako asked how we determine if we are being effective. Dr. Aragon said the first step is to agree on a conceptual model of health. Various models can be presented at the next meeting. Dr. Bhatia said we need to ask programs how they are measuring success and what the gaps are. Elena Tinloy, co-chair of Building a Healthier San Francisco, advocates for the website Health Matters in San Francisco website as the data repository, now that the data is available on a quarterly basis and uses a data set that everyone agrees is valid. Abby Yant said we must work on shared concerns and priorities and have a shared process for how to shift resources. Ginger Smyly said we must set a benchmark, evaluate programs and initiatives and be willing to change by letting go of programs that are not working. Commissioner Sako wants to stress collaboration and interaction. Where is the net strongest and where is it weakest? The commission wants to make the hard budget decisions but wants to ensure that these decisions are based on data. She also emphasized that this is a long-term process.

Commissioner Melara asked for more data on what health outcomes the committee should pay attention to. Commissioner Sako said she wants the committee to begin to get summaries from other departments about what they are doing in areas such as housing, violence prevention, etc. The first presentation will be about violence preventions. The committee agreed that the next meeting would focus on the following:

1. Committee Composition
2. Health modeling tools and community health indicators
3. Violence Prevention – both DPH activities and citywide activities
4. A six month schedule of presentations to the committee

5) EMERGING ISSUES

None.

6) PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

7) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

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NOTICED OF CANCELED HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING

The July 1, 2008 meeting of the San Francisco Health Commission has been canceled and will not be rescheduled.

The next Health Commission meeting will be Tuesday, July 15, 2008.

For more information please call the Health Commission Office at 554-2666 or visit the website at www.sfdph.org.

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HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING

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Tuesday, July 15, 2008
At
4:00 p.m.
101 GROVE STREET, ROOM 300 or ROOM 302
San Francisco, CA 94102

1) **CALL TO ORDER**

2) **PROPOSED ACTION:** **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF JUNE 17, 2008**
**Minutes of the meeting of June 17, 2008*

3) **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT****

4) **FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:** **CITYWIDE HEALTH PLANNING EFFECTIVENESS COMMITTEE REPORT**
(Sonia Melara, Finance Committee Chair)
** CHPEC Packet*

5) **FOR DISCUSSION:** **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
(Mitchell H. Katz, M.D., Director of Health)
(Report on activities and operations of the Department)
**Director's Report*

6) **FOR DISCUSSION:** **CFO REPORT: FY 2008-2009 BUDGET STATUS**
(Gregg Sass, Chief Financial Officer)

7) **FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:** **RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PROPOSED BAN ON TOBACCO SALES IN PHARMACIES**
(Mitchell H. Katz, M.D., Health Director)
** Legislation, Draft Resolution*

8) **FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:** **RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL HOSPITAL AND TRAUMA CENTER GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND**
(Gene Marie O'Connell, SFGHTC Executive Administrator)
** Draft Resolution*

9) **FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:** **PROPOSED UPDATE TO THE HEALTH COMMISSION'S EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION PROGRAM**
(Health Commission)
** Memo*

10) **OTHER BUSINESS*****

11) **COMMISSIONER REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

12) **ADJOURNMENT**

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MINUTES

HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, July 15, 2008
At
4:00 p.m.
101 GROVE STREET, ROOM 300 or ROOM 302
San Francisco, CA 94102

1) CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Illig called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

Present: Commissioner James M. Illig, President
Commissioner Sonia E. Melara, MSW, Vice President
Commissioner Edward A. Chow, M.D.
Commissioner David J. Sanchez, Jr., Ph.D.
Commissioner Steven Tierney, Ed.D.
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Absent: Commissioner Margine A. Sako, (excused)

2) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF JUNE 17, 2008

Action Taken: The Commission (Chow, Illig, Melara, Sanchez, Tierney, Waters) approved the minutes of the June 17, 2008 Health Commission meeting.

3) GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Francisco DaCosta, Environmental Justice Advocacy, asked the Commission to investigate a violation on Parcel A that occurred in May but was not made known to the public on time.

Marie Harrison, Green Action for Health and Environmental Justice, spoke about the dust violation on Parcel A. It happened on May 30 and they are just finding out about it now.

Willie Ratcliffe, Bayview Newspaper, spoke against development at Parcel A.

Jaron Browne, POWER, is concerned about the incident on May 30th. The company must be held accountable. This was an outrageous incident.

Adela Flores-Bolanos said no one has been helping the community with the air quality issues created by Parcel A.

Octavio Solorzano said the dust from the Lennar development made him sick for two years. The Health Commission needs to help.

Chrissy Leuma, POWER, said the community must be alerted right away when the asbestos levels have been exceeded. The Health Commission should be advocates for the community, especially for the youth community.

Commissioners' Comments

- Commissioner Illig asked Dr. Katz to update the Commission on the incident on Parcel A. Dr. Katz does not know the full information and will find out the specifics and inform the Health Commission. He added that the responsibility of the Health Department is to make sure the project is safe and if the dust level is exceeded then there is a work stoppage to allow enough time for the air to clear.
- Commissioner Tierney said the exceedence level seems quite high. Is this something that could have happened in one day or should someone have noticed earlier? Dr. Katz said it could have happened in one day.
- Commissioner Waters asked who is responsible for notifying the community if there is an incident. Dr. Katz said there is a designated procedure about how this gets notified, and he will include this procedure in his updated to the Commission.
- Commissioner Sanchez said the previous Health Commission president committed to meeting with representatives from the community. This is a unique opportunity to revisit the concerns and have a fairly comprehensive public follow up in the future.
- Commissioner Illig asked Dr. Katz to bring an update back to the Commission on August 5.

Public Comment (continued)

Archbishop Franzo King spoke against the violation at Parcel A and he is appalled that the Health Department is trying to minimize the health impact of asbestos.

Minister Christopher Muhammad said DPH did not put a community monitor in place until eight months after Lennar started digging. The Health Department cut a private deal with Lennar.

Daniel Landry said the community needs a hearing immediately.

Dr. Ahimsa Porter Sumchai said there is no safe level of asbestos and we need to include exposure to toxic dust and particulates. The hearing needs to focus on particulates.

Commissioner Tierney asked that Dr. Bhatia can address specifically how the test results can vary for the same sample, and for Dr. Bhatia to arrange a tour of the site.

4) CITYWIDE HEALTH PLANNING EFFECTIVENESS COMMITTEE REPORT

Secretary's Note – In the future all committee presentations will be distributed to all commissioners.

5) DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mitchell H. Katz, M.D., presented the Director's Report.

Board of Supervisors Update: June 23 through July 18, 2008
On Monday, June 23, the Land Use and Economic Development Committee held a hearing on the status of the Eastern Neighborhoods Plan. At Tuesday's full Board meeting, the Board approved motions appointing Randy Wittorp to the San Francisco Health Authority and Diana Jensen to the Food Security Task Force, and adopted resolutions authorizing the Department to accept and expend a grant from the Public Health Foundation Enterprises for HIV prevention and supporting SB 1420 (Nutritional Labeling on Menus and Menu Boards). At Budget and Finance on Thursday, the committee heard the Proposition J resolution on contracting for security services for SFGH, LHH, and various clinics, and the Department's Annual Appropriation Ordinance and Annual Salary Ordinance.

In observance of Independence Day, there was no Board of Supervisors meeting the week of June 30.

At Government Audit and Oversight on July 7, the committee heard a resolution authorizing a contract modification with InfoMc for the eCura application used by Community Behavioral Health Services, and a resolution and ordinance related to the placement of the SFGH general obligation bond on the November 4 ballot. At Monday's Land Use and Economic Development Committee, there was a hearing on an ordinance regarding dust control during construction site preparation and a hearing on the status of the Eastern Neighborhoods Plan. At Tuesday's full Board meeting, the Board approved an amendment to contracts for professional services for health and behavioral health services, and accept and expend resolutions for the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Modernization Act grant and a Public Health Foundation Enterprises grant to support HIV research. The Department's Proposition J hearing on contracting for security services for SFGH, LHH, and various clinics was continued to July 15, and an accept and expend resolution for a grant from the California Department of Agriculture to support environmental health pest exclusion activities was referred to committee. At Budget and Finance on July 9, the committee heard an ordinance appropriating $16,864,000 to support cost overruns at SFGH and LHH in FY2007-08. At a special meeting of the Rules committee on Thursday, there was a hearing on the placement of the Treatment on Demand Act on the November ballot.

At the Land Use and Economic Development Committee on July 14, there was a hearing on the status of the Eastern Neighborhoods Plan. At Tuesday's full Board meeting, the Board will hear the Proposition J resolution on contracting for security services for SFGH, LHH, and various clinics; an ordinance to appropriate $16,864,000 to support cost overruns at SFGH and LHH in FY2007-08; increases for various environmental health and EMS Agency services fees and patient rates; a

resolution authorizing a contract modification with InfoMc for the eCura application used by Community Behavioral Health Services; a resolution and ordinance related to the placement of the SFGH general obligation bond on the November 4 ballot; an ordinance regarding dust control during construction site preparation; and an accept and expend resolution for a grant from the Public Health Foundation Enterprises to support a drug research study. At Rules on Thursday, the committee will hear an ordinance amending sections of the Health Code related to menu labeling at chain restaurants and an ordinance regarding placement of a $1.5 million appropriation for Mental Health Trauma Recovery Services on the November ballot. Finally, at City Operations and Neighborhood Services on July 17, the committee will hear ordinances regarding a prohibition of smoking in certain enclosed and unenclosed areas and sports stadiums and a prohibition of pharmacies from selling tobacco products, and resolutions authorizing the acceptance and expenditure of recurring FY2008-09 State grants and a grant from the California Department of Agriculture to support environmental health pest exclusion act.

Healthy San Francisco

Earlier this month, Healthy San Francisco (HSF) celebrated a milestone – its one-year anniversary. The program was piloted at two health centers in the Chinatown community on July 2, 2007. A year later, HSF has enrolled over 25,000 participants which represents 34% of the estimated 73,000 uninsured San Francisco adult residents.

On July 10, 2008, Mayor Newsom held a press conference announcing the following expansion of the HSF provider network:

- increasing the number of hospitals participating in HSF from 1 to 5,
- adding an independent, private physician's group and associated hospital, and
- adding a new primary care medical home.

The expansions will be in place by September 2008. The City and County continues to have conversations with other health systems on how they can support and/or participate in Healthy San Francisco. We hope to announce future provider network expansions before the end of this fiscal year. The Mayor was joined by Lloyd Dean, President and CEO/West of Catholic Healthcare West, Tim Paulson of the San Francisco Labor Council and Commissioners Illig, Chow and Melara. A representative from each of the health care delivery systems was present and provided their perspective on the importance of participating in this public/private partnership to expand access to care.

Trans-Fat Free Restaurant Program

The Environmental Health Section held a public hearing on Wednesday, June 25 to introduce the Trans-Fat Free Restaurant Program and present the Program's new rules and regulations. The event was well attended by the media and received good follow up coverage. The presentation covered important definitions, the application process and explained the varying responsibilities and roles of participating restaurants and the Department of Public Health. The proposed rules and regulations will be available for review on the Health Department's Website, http://www.sfdph.org/dph/comupg/oprograms/EHS/default.asp , after July 25, 2008.

California Restaurant Association Lawsuit

On July 3, 2008, the California Restaurant Association ("CRA") filed suit in federal district court challenging the City's menu labeling ordinance for fast food/chain restaurants. Representing major fast food/chain restaurants including McDonald's, Burger King and TGI Friday's, the CRA seeks to block enforcement of the City's law based on the following legal claims: (1) federal preemption under the Nutritional Labeling and Education Act, (2) state law preemption under the California Retail Food Code, and (3) violation of their right under the First Amendment and the California Constitution to be

free from "compelled speech." The New York State Restaurant Association has brought a similar lawsuit challenging New York City's menu labeling law. In April, a federal district court in New York rejected the restaurants' federal preemption and First Amendment claims and upheld New York City's law. That case is currently on appeal and a decision is expected soon. We anticipate that the court will hear the CRA's preliminary injunction motion on September 4, 2008. Under an agreement reached between the City Attorney's Office and counsel for the CRA, the Department of Public Health has agreed to postpone enforcement of the City's law until October 14th, in order to allow the court sufficient time to rule on the preliminary injunction motion and to give the covered restaurants additional time to comply with the ordinance.

National HIV Testing Day

National HIV Testing Day was celebrated this year on June 27, 2008, calling attention to current HIV testing efforts. Coordinated HIV testing occurs via the HIV Prevention Section, which supports 18 agencies in conducting approximately 17,000 tests per year. The testing network diagnoses approximately 300 new cases of HIV each year. On National HIV testing day, Mission Neighborhood Health Center and Larkin Street Youth Services increased their outreach and HIV testing service. Other community-based testing sites also offered testing that day as part of their normal testing program. The HIV Prevention Section participated at a Kaiser Permanente HIV testing celebration by providing information about HIV testing and community services in Kaiser's San Francisco's Medical Building lobby at the 2238 Geary Street.

Homeless Prenatal Program honors the 6C- Birth Center Staff

The Homeless Prenatal Program (HPP) recently honored the 6C-Birth Center nurses at a gala evening of hors d'oeuvres, music and celebration for their commitment to serve and care for homeless pregnant women and their families. Since 1989, HPP has worked to end homelessness and break the cycle of poverty in families. HPP services were once was limited to homeless women living shelters. Today, the program offers support and comprehensive services to the entire family. More than 2,600 homeless families in San Francisco have been cared for by 55 staff members, about 50% of whom are formerly homeless mothers themselves. All of the HPP patients deliver their babies at San Francisco General Hospital- Birth Center. In 2007, the Birth Center nurses raised more than $6,000 for HPP through their participation at the San Francisco Marathon. Martha Ryan is founder and executive director of the program.

Health Care for the Homeless Conference

Staff from Tom Waddell Health Center recently addressed the National Health Care for the Homeless (HCH) Conference in Phoenix. Barbara Wismer, MD, Medical Director for Primary and Urgent Care, presented workshops on diabetes and the new HCH Practice Based Research Network. Barry Zevin, MD, Addiction Medicine Specialist, talked about the neurobiology of addiction and disability policy advocacy, and Janet Moomaw gave a talk on preventing violence through use of behavioral agreements. Barbara Wismer was elected chair of the HCH Clinicians' Network Steering Committee for the upcoming year.

Public Health Lab Hosting UC Berkeley Grad Students

The Department is fortunate to have a number of summer interns working within our programs. The Department's Public Health Lab at 101 Grove St., under the direction of Sally Liska, is hosting two UC Berkeley SPH graduate students this summer. Colleen Wichser, in the MPH program, is working under the direction of Dr. Mark Pandori on assessing molecular methods for MRSA, *Methicillen Resistant Staph aureus* detection, in comparison to culture. Kristina Hsieh, a DrPH student, is collecting data on the various Lab Information Management computer systems used by public health labs in California and also compiling costs for various laboratory tests.

Newcomers Health Program Awarded Grant Funding

The Newcomers Health Program of Community Health Promotion and Prevention has been awarded various grants for 2008-09. In collaboration with Family Health Center's Refugee Medical Clinic and UCSF Department of Family and Community Medicine, Newcomers received a grant from the UCSF Community Partnerships Program to do an assessment and outreach project related to health services for victims of trafficking.

Syphilis Up-dates

Rates of early syphilis are continuing to increase. As of the end of June 2008, 218 early syphilis cases were reported compared to 185 for the same period last year, an increase of 18%. Additionally, a total of 131 cases of primary and secondary syphilis were reported compared to 106 for the same period last year, an increase of 24%. This is very unfortunate since we were recently notified by the CDC that syphilis elimination funds will be reduced in 2009 by $50,000. Combined with the $450,000 cut received in January 2008, syphilis elimination funding has been reduced by nearly 50% in the past two years. The STD Section included an Editorial Note in our latest Monthly STD Report about poppers. Research studies consistently find that popper use in linked with new STDs and HIV. Often, they are used along with other drugs, such as cocaine or methamphetamine during sex. We are recommending that providers educate their patients about poppers – how to use them safely and the risks of popper use. Since many patients don't consider poppers to be a drug, sexual, health and substance use assessments should include direct questions about popper use.

In collaboration with the CDC, Denver and Long Beach, the San Francisco STD Prevention and Control Section conducted a Research Project that developed *Safe in the City,* an STD prevention video for use in STD Clinic waiting rooms. The findings of the *Safe in the City* waiting room video intervention trial showed an almost 10% reduction in new STDs among STD clinic patients who were exposed to the video.

LHH Receives Hobart Jackson Cultural Diversity Award

Laguna Honda Hospital and Rehabilitation Center has been selected to receive the prestigious national Hobart Jackson Cultural Diversity Award from the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging (AAHSA) for its significant commitment to cultural diversity and inclusion. The award will be presented by the AAHSA at a special ceremony this fall. Congratulations to Jill Lecount, director of Laguna's Department of Education and Training, and her staff for this step forward on Laguna Honda's continued emergence from institution to community.

Community Health Network, San Francisco General Hospital & Trauma Center, July 2008 Credentials Report

	7/08	07/08 to 06/09
New Appointments	36	36
Reinstatements	0	0
Reappointments	42	42
Delinquencies:	0	0
Reappointment Denials:	0	0
Resigned/Retired:	31	31
Disciplinary Actions	0	0
Restriction/Limitation-Privileges	0	0

Deceased	0		0
Changes in Privileges			
Additions	2		2
Voluntary Relinquishments	0		0
Proctorship Completed	5		5
Proctorship Extension	0		0
Current Statistics – as of 07/01/08			
Active Staff	502		
Courtesy Staff	536		
Affiliate Professionals (non-physicians)	225		
TOTAL MEMBERS	1,263		
Applications In Process		68	
Applications Withdrawn Month of June 2008		0	
SFGH Reappointments in Process 07/2008 to 11/2008		279	

Commissioners' Comments

- Commissioner Waters asked if the STD Prevention & Control study indicated what age group is using the poppers. Dr. Katz said the study was not age specific.

- Commissioner Illig asked about two measures that are proposed for the November ballot, one relating to treatment on demand and one appropriating $1.5 million to trauma recovery services. Dr. Katz said that Supervisor Daly has a measure on the ballot that says that the department will not cut substance abuse. The measure does not appropriate money to substance abuse treatment. Dr. Katz said the other ballot measure funds the Trauma Recovery program at SFGH via the voters. This program has been funded through the addback process, so he is not sure if this will be moving forward.

- Commissioner Chow is concerned with having what amounts to another set aside, which creates problems during budget. He would like to take an action that would express concern about locking in funding any programs, regardless of how good that program is. Commissioner Illig will send a letter to the Board about this issue. Commissioner Chow asked Dr. Katz to give an update on the progress of the Blue Ribbon Panel on the Future of St. Luke's. Dr. Katz said the panel has developed recommendations, including building an acute care hospital on the campus and becoming a center of excellence for geriatric health. Now the recommendations will be operationalized and turned into a plan, including bed count, siting, etc. Commissioner Chow said that when the plan is completed, there will be a public hearing at the Board of Supervisors and the Health Commission. The people from CPMC were very cooperative and seem sufficiently committed to this plan. The CPMC Board will likely be voting on this proposal at its August meeting. Commissioner Illig asked that the Commission receive a report about the vote, and when the final paper is completed, schedule a hearing at the Health Commission.

Public Comment

Francisco DaCosta said it is ironic that Dr. Bhatia was presenting a dust control ordinance at a Board of Supervisors committee when the dust mitigation has failed on Parcel A.

Christopher Muhammad said the Health Director should have debriefed the four new commissioners about the serious impact of dust generated by development on Parcel A.

6) CFO REPORT: FY 2008-2009 BUDGET STATUS

Gregg Sass, Chief Financial Officer, presented an update on the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Budget.

Commissioners' Comments

- Commissioner Tierney asked how the Department developed the restoration priorities that were submitted to the Board. Mr. Sass described the process, which primarily focused on restoration of Community Programs. Commissioner Tierney is concerned that the Health Commission put the public through seven hearings about the budget and yet the Commission was not consulted about this list. He asked that this list be provided to the Commission and will be discussed at the next Finance Committee, when budget principles are discussed.

- Commissioner Chow is concerned that the Department's priority list did not mention the Health Commission's restoration priorities. Commissioner Chow said the process continues to inadequately fund infrastructure and therefore the Department will start the year in a negative position. These are areas that we want to be able to address through the Finance Committee.

- Commissioner Illig requested detail about the placeholder reductions to administration, in terms of number of positions that will be reduced and which will be eliminated.

7) RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PROPOSED BAN ON TOBACCO SALES IN PHARMACIES

Mitchell H. Katz, M.D., Health Director, presented an ordinance that bans tobacco sales in pharmacies. Tobacco use is the leading preventable cause of death in the United States and San Francisco. The ordinance bans sales in pharmacies for three reasons: the health focus of pharmacies, the vulnerability of persons entering pharmacies, and the inherent conflict of interest that comes with selling both tobacco and prescriptions filled to counter the effects of tobacco. Eliminating the sale of tobacco at pharmacies is an opportunity to decrease the social acceptability of smoking and a strategy that will decrease smoking, especially among those not yet addicted. The following organizations support banning sales of tobacco in pharmacies:

- American Pharmaceutical Association
- California Pharmacists Association
- California Medical Association
- San Francisco Medical Society
- American Lung Association of California
- American Heart Association, Greater Bay Area Division
- Breathe California
- American Cancer Society, San Francisco Unit

Public Comment

- Bob Gordon, San Francisco Tobacco Free Coalition, spoke in support of the legislation.
- Brian Katcher, Pharm. D., Department of Public Health, spoke in support of the legislation.
- Minister Christopher Muhammad said no one can argue the importance of banning tobacco, but this legislation is symbolism over substance because the Health Department gets money from Lennar and this is a conflict of interest.

Commissioners' Comments

- Commissioner Chow noted that the San Francisco Medical Society voted to support the proposed ban.

Action Taken: The Commission (Chow, Illig, Melara, Sanchez, Tierney, Waters) approved Resolution 14-08, "Endorsing the Proposed Ordinance to Prohibit Pharmacies from Selling Tobacco Products," (Attachment A).

8) RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL HOSPITAL AND TRAUMA CENTER GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND

Gene Marie O'Connell, SFGHTC Executive Administrator, presented the resolution supporting the rebuild of San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center and placing the bond on the November 2008 ballot.

Public Comment

- Dr. Ahimsa Porter Sumchai is concerned that the media and staff must be honest about the seismic requirements for the existing hospital. There are other options that should be fully explored including a seismic retrofit.

Commissioners' Comments

- Commissioner Chow said that the Commission did consider the option of requesting an extension but determined that since the hospital would ultimately need to be rebuilt it was most prudent to move forward as expeditiously as possible, as every time there is a delay the cost rises. Further the issue of seismic retrofit has been fully analyzed and determined that this does not meet our needs and his not cost effective. The Mayor's Blue Ribbon Committee fully explored the issue of co-location with UCSF at Mission Bay.

- Commissioner Illig said that individual commissioners can advocate on behalf of the bond.

Action Taken: The Commission (Chow, Illig, Melara, Sanchez, Tierney, Waters) approved Resolution 15-08, "Supporting Rebuilding San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center and Placing a Bond Measure on the November 2008 ballot," (Attachment B).

9) PROPOSED UPDATE TO THE HEALTH COMMISSION'S EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION PROGRAM

The Commission leadership asked staff to update and reinvigorate the Health Commission's Employee Recognition program. The proposed restructure includes presenting awards three times a year rather than monthly, and establishing an annual Employee of the Year Program.

Commissioners' Comments/Next Steps

- Commissioner Melara wants the Commission to consider including other partners in the Employee of the Year program.

- The Commission supports updating the program and presenting awards three times a year, and further developing the Employee of the Year program. Staff will reinstitute the program beginning in September, and return to the Health Commission with more details on the Employee of the Year program.

10) OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Melara attended the opening of the Women's Option Center at San Francisco General Hospital. She was very impressed with it and and it speaks to the quality of the institution. She thanked the San Francisco General Hospital Foundation.

11) COMMISSIONER REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

12) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned 6:35 p.m.

Michele M. Seaton
Health Commission Executive Secretary

Attachments: (2)

HEALTH COMMISSION
City and County of San Francisco
Resolution No. 14-08

ENDORSING THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT PHARMACIES FROM SELLING TOBACCO PRODUCTS

WHEREAS, tobacco is the leading cause of preventable death in the United States, responsible fore approximately 440,000 deaths each year; and,

WHEREAS, tobacco is also the leading cause of preventable death in San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, pharmacies market themselves as places where people go to become healthier; and,

WHEREAS, selling tobacco by pharmacies may influence social acceptability of smoking by implicitly sending a message that tobacco is not a dangerous substance; and,

WHEREAS, decreasing the social acceptability of smoking during the past two decades through smoking bans, restrictions on tobacco advertising and promotion and tobacco availability has resulted in lower smoking rates; and,

WHEREAS, pharmacies serve a vulnerable population of persons with diseases worsened by smoking; and,

WHEREAS, smokers wanting to quit smoking go to pharmacies to obtain medications to assist them in the cessation process; and,

WHEREAS, banning the sale of tobacco in pharmacies is supported by the American Pharmaceutical Association, California Pharmacists Association, California Medical Association, San Francisco Tobacco Free Coalition, San Francisco Medical Society, American Lung Association of California, American Heart Association Greater Bay Area Division, BREATHE California and the American Cancer Society San Francisco Unit; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor has proposed prohibiting pharmacies, with the exception of grocery store and big box pharmacies, from selling tobacco products such that tobacco permits, which are required of all tobacco retailers, issued to pharmacies would expire on September 30, 2008 and any new applications to pharmacies prohibited from selling tobacco would be denied; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the San Francisco Health Commission endorses the proposed ordinance, File Number 080594 that would ban tobacco sales in pharmacies; and be it,

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Health Commission forwards this resolution to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors.

I hereby certify that the San Francisco Health Commission at its meeting of July 15, 2008 adopted the foregoing resolution.

Michele M. Seaton
Executive Secretary to the Health Commission

HEALTH COMMISSION
City and County of San Francisco
Resolution No. 15-08

SUPPORTING REBUILDING SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL HOSPITAL AND TRAUMA CENTER AND PLACING A BOND MEASURE ON THE NOVEMBER 2008 BALLOT

WHEREAS, San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center, as one of the nation's leading public hospitals, has continuously provided a wide range of ambulatory and acute care services to San Francisco residents for more than one hundred years; and,

WHEREAS, San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center has received national and international recognition for excellence in services, such as trauma, primary care, AIDS care, psychiatric care, women and children's services, clinical research and clinical education; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center, through its long-standing affiliation with the University of California at San Francisco, has been the nucleus for medical research in the areas of AIDS/HIV, lung biology, infectious diseases, neurology, and other healthcare concerns vital to the citizens of San Francisco; and,

WHEREAS, the highly regarded staff of San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center provides an essential service through direct clinical care and through related medical research of diseases affecting the residents of San Francisco; and,

WHEREAS, San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center plays a vital role as San Francisco's safety net hospital; and,

WHEREAS, San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center is home to the region's only trauma center and also receives the most ambulances per day than any other hospital in San Francisco; and,

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1953 requires that all acute care hospitals meet the highest seismic safety standards or face closure in 2013; and,

WHEREAS, in 2000 the City and County of San Francisco commissioned a seismic evaluation study that concluded that San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center has seismic deficiencies as described under SB 1953, and may not be capable of providing health care services to the public after a major seismic event and should be replaced; and,

WHEREAS, in 2001 the San Francisco Health Commission adopted Resolution 01-01 supporting the rebuild of San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor has proposed an $887.4 million general obligation bond measure in order to build a new, seismically safe San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center; and

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Resolution No. 15-08 (continued)

WHEREAS, the new hospital will provide a structure that is seismically safe, cost-efficient, providing efficient and patient-centered care and serving the health care needs of our city for decades to come; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the San Francisco Health Commission reiterates its support for the rebuild of the San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center; and be it,

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Health Commission supports the San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center General Obligation Bond Measure on the November 2008 ballot; and be it,

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Health Commission recommends to the Board of Supervisors to proceed with the placing of the San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center General Obligation Bond on the November 2008 ballot.

I hereby certify that the San Francisco Health Commission at its meeting of July 15, 2008 adopted the foregoing resolution.

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HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, August 5, 2008
At
4:00 p.m.
101 GROVE STREET, ROOM 300 or ROOM 302
San Francisco, CA 94102

1) **CALL TO ORDER**

2) **PROPOSED ACTION:** **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF JULY 15, 2008**
**Minutes of the meeting of July 15, 2008*

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3) **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT****

4) **FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:** **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**
(Steven Tierney, Finance Committee Chair)
** Finance Committee Packet*

5) **FOR DISCUSSION:** **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
(Mitchell H. Katz, M.D., Director of Health)
(Report on activities and operations of the Department)
**Director's Report*

6) **FOR DISCUSSION:** **UPDATE ON PARCEL A DEVELOPMENT AND DPH OVERSIGHT RESPONSIBILITY**
(Rajiv Bhatia, M.D., Director, Environmental Health Services)
** Update Memo*

7) **OTHER BUSINESS*****

8) **COMMISSIONER REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

9) **ADJOURNMENT**

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MINUTES

HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, August 5, 2008
At
4:00 p.m.
101 GROVE STREET, ROOM 300 or ROOM 302
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1) CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Illig called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

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Present: Commissioner James M. Illig, President
Commissioner Edward A. Chow, M.D.
Commissioner Margine A. Sako
Commissioner David J. Sanchez, Jr., Ph.D.
Commissioner Steven Tierney, Ed.D.

Absent: Commissioner Sonia E. Melara, MSW, Vice President (excused)
Commissioner Catherine M. Waters, R.N., Ph.D., (excused)

2) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF JULY 15, 2008

Action Taken: The Commission (Chow, Illig, Sako, Sanchez, Tierney) approved the minutes of the July 15, 2008 Health Commission meeting.

3) GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

- Francisco DaCosta said people have to be sensitive to an archeological survey that is not being done in this area.

- Reverend Christopher Muhammad said the question is what level of exposure is safe, and no safe asbestos exposure level has been established for residential areas.
- Daniel Landry said there needs to be a community meeting regarding this issue. Lennar is a rogue company.
- Archbishop Franzo King said Commissioners should meet with the community so they can ask intelligent questions of staff.

4) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Commissioner Tierney presented the items that were discussed at the Finance Committee meeting. The committee approved the contracts for July and August 2008. Ms. Garcia presented the Corrective Action Plan Policy, which is how the Department and the Commission will support agencies that are having difficulties. The Committee endorsed this policy. The Committee then heard a Corrective Action Plan for Iris Center. The Committee discussed budget principles and process for reviewing cuts and revisions to the budget. The Finance Committee will hold a special meeting of the Committee later in August to engage in discussion with key department staff and community members to about budget priorities and principles that support the delivery of health care to all San Franciscans.

5) DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Anne Kronenberg, Director, Office of Policy and Planning and Acting Director of Health, presented the Director's Report.

Board of Supervisors Update: July 21 through August 8
On Tuesday, July 22, the Budget & Finance Committee heard an ordinance for $498,145 in General Fund Reserve funding for the Community Justice Center. At Tuesday's full Board meeting, the Board finally passed an ordinance placing the $887 million SFGH rebuild bond on the November ballot, an ordinance appropriating $16,864,000 in supplemental funding for SFGH and LHH, ordinances increasing various Environmental Health and Emergency Medical Services fees and patient rates, and an ordinance amending the Building Code to require dust control during building site preparation. In addition, the Board passed the 2008-09 Annual Appropriation Ordinance (AAO) and Annual Salary Ordinance (ASO) on their first reading.

At a special meeting of the Budget & Finance Committee on July 29, the committee heard a resolution authorizing the lease of space at 555 Polk St. and the release of $500,000 in reserve funds for the Community Justice Center. At the Full Board on Tuesday, the board adopted accept and expend resolutions for $47,694.36 from the California Dept. of Food and Agriculture for pest exclusion and for recurring State grants; finally passed the 2008-09 AAO, ASO, and amendments to the menu labeling ordinance; passed on first reading an ordinance prohibiting pharmacies from selling tobacco products; and approved the lease and $498,145 appropriation for the Community Justice Center. On Wednesday, the Budget & Finance Committee heard resolutions amending the construction management services and design agreements for the LHH Replacement Program.

On Tuesday, August 5, the full Board will have second reading on the ordinances to prohibit pharmacies from selling tobacco products and to amend the menu labeling ordinances, and will hear resolutions on amendments to the construction management services and design agreements for the LHH Replacement Products, and on the disposition of delinquent refuse services and reinspection fee liens. As of noon on August 1, the City Operations & Neighborhood Services Committee had

not posted its agenda for its August 7 meeting. On Thursday, the Rules Committee will conduct a hearing on the exceedances at the community airborne asbestos monitoring station HV-9 on May 30.

Mayor Signs FY 08-09 Budget into Law

On Wednesday, July 30th the Mayor signed the City's $6.5 billion FY 08-09 budget into law. In signing the document, the Mayor noted however that because of the failure of the Prop J initiative to contract out the Institutional Police function that the City's budget removes 5.5 million dollars from vital City reserves. There will be further cuts to make up for this difference.

Tobacco Ban in Pharmacies

The proposal to ban the sale of tobacco at pharmacies passed 8-3 at the Board of Supervisors hearing on July 29. The ban has received a great deal of local and national attention, predicated on the assumption that many public policy initiatives begun in California eventually find their way into the national conscience. Dr. Katz is hopeful that this legislation is just the beginning of a rapid and expanded ban throughout the country. The *Wall Street Journal* ran articles and Dr. Katz did an on-air Fox Business News interview on Thursday and the AP and other syndicates have covered the story as well.

MRSA Update

As the Commissioners know, MRSA has become a popular public health topic. A recent journal article published by UCSF researchers highlighted the national increase in skin and soft tissue infections, likely due to Community-Associated Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus.* The research noted that the number of outpatient and emergency department visits for skin infections such as cellulitis and abscesses doubled between 1997 and 2005, and notably the highest increases were among children and urban centers treating a high proportion of patients who receive Medicaid or are uninsured. The press release included a quote from DPH emphasizing the importance of practicing good hygiene measures to prevent this disease. San Francisco has noted this increase over the last several years and provides much of the leading research in this area.

The Department of Public Health has updated its informational materials for the public and clinicians on our website http://sfcdcp.org/mrsa.cfm. We have also convened a DPH MRSA Working Group comprised of clinicians and representatives from various sections within the department. The Working Group will be addressing several key areas: outreach, treatment guidelines, surveillance/reporting and legislation, occupational health issues, and primary prevention. A Treatment subgroup has developed San Francisco specific guidelines that will be disseminated to clinicians citywide by this fall.

San Francisco Pediatric MRSA Surveillance Project

In other MRSA-related news, Phase 2 of the San Francisco Pediatric MRSA Surveillance Project began earlier this year with collecting information on pediatric isolates positive for MRSA at SFGH, UCSF and Children's Hospital, Oakland (CHO). The Project is also collecting information on Methicillin-sensitive *S. aureus* isolates and researchers will be assessing risk factors associated with community-associated MRSA infection. Data gathering will continue for one year in partnership with California Emerging Infections Program.

SFGH Honored

San Francisco General Hospital was honored recently by the APA Family Support Services (formerly Asian Perinatal Advocates) at its 21st Anniversary Celebration Dinner. The APA Family Support Services serves high-risk Asian/Pacific Islander families and their children. The focus is to

promote healthy families by preventing child abuse and domestic violence. APA's Executive Director, Mai-Mai Ho, thanked SFGH for its many years of support serving children and families.

Medical Directors Meet

July 17 marked the first meeting between the Medical Directors of the Community Health Network (CHN) Primary Care clinics and the Medical Directors of Community Behavioral Health Services (CBHS). Barbara Garcia, Director of Community Programs and Bob Cabaj, Director of CBHS also attended. This meeting served both as a forum for introductions between these groups of Medical Directors—many of whom have not previously met—and a platform for discussing future expansion of integration efforts between Primary Care and Behavioral Health within Community Programs.

Immunization Training

The Communicable Disease Prevention Unit recently conducted five immunization trainings specifically focusing on vaccine administration techniques for medical assistants. The Unit was able to train 100 Medical Assistants. Staff from Communicable Disease Prevention also conducted an Immunization Update earlier this month covering new vaccines, proper vaccine storage and handling and the immunization schedule for adults and children. Over 100 clinicians (mostly nurses) participated.

Hep Team Outreach

San Francisco is participating in HepTeam again this year—vaccinating for hepatitis A and B at street fairs. Over 150 people were vaccinated during Pride Week. Staff will be working at Dore Alley and a number of the other upcoming street fairs targeting MSM, including Harrison Street Fair, Folsom Street Fair and Castro Street Fair.

California Immunization Registry

Castro Mission Health Center, Silver Avenue Family Health Center and Southeast Health Center are now fully using the California Immunization Registry (CAIR) software to track all administered vaccinations at their respective health centers. The web-based CAIR software is used by 15 other private practices in San Francisco and in hundreds of offices throughout the Bay Area. The MIS Department at SFGH also created an interface such that immunization information entered into the CAIR system is also uploaded into the Lifetime Clinical Record system through CHN on a daily basis. The registry has improved efficiency at the practices that are using it and users are giving it good feedback.

Community Health Programs for Youth Wins Award

Community Health Programs for Youth was recently awarded $225,000 over three years from the California Wellness Foundation to support a collaborative project with Huckleberry Youth Programs (HYP) to provide clinical placements for high school students interested in the health field. As an extension of HYP's Wellness Academy, which offers intensive education on various aspects of the health field, CHPY will place up to six youth in its various clinics starting this fall.

The Dimensions Clinic was a recipient of $44,500 from CPMC Community Health Programs. Dimensions Clinic targets LGBTQ youth and young adults and this grant will support outreach efforts as well as training opportunities for CPMC staff at Dimensions.

Pandemic Flu Training Video

The Pandemic Flu Outreach Project completed the production of a pandemic flu preparedness training video for San Francisco city and county employees. The training video features many of

our own DPH staff who both educate and entertain the viewers with messages about healthy habits to prevent the spread of disease and what to expect from a flu pandemic. The Health Commission will receive a presentation on Pan Flu later this year.

Additions to Long Term Care and Targeted Case Management
Two new staff members are working with Liz Gray in the fields of Long Term Care and Targeted Case Management. Kelly Hiramoto has begun her new role as Deputy Director of Long Term Care Services. Luis Calderon, Director of Placement Targeted Case Management, who comes with 11 years at the San Francisco IHSS Public Authority, brings a strong consumer based perspective to Long Term Care, homecare and housing issues.

CDCP Clinicians Edit Portions in New Book
Seven chapters on bioterrorism-related diseases and infection control for the forthcoming book "Emergency Management of Infectious Diseases" were edited by Karen Holbrook, MD and Yeva Johnson, MD. The book will be printed later this year.

Come Out and Play
This is an invitation to the Commissioners to join Mayor Newsom and thousands of other San Franciscans and visitors for the City's first "Sunday Streets" program on August 31 and September 14. Sunday Streets brings 4.5 miles of open space where you are welcome to run, bike, walk, skate and sample different kinds of physical activity along the way. Organized activities include yoga, roller skating and skating lessons, biking and bike repair, dancing, stretching, guided walking tours, Tai Chi, Boot Camp classes and much more. All activities are free of charge, presented by nearly 100 health, fitness, youth and family oriented organizations. Come join in the fun, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. along the Embarcadero.

Commissioners' Comments/Follow Up

- Commissioner Chow asked that the Laguna Honda Hospital Joint Conference Committee receive an update on the resolutions the Board of Supervisors approved regarding the LHH replacement project and said that the Commission should continue its oversight about the project.

6) UPDATE ON PARCEL A DEVELOPMENT AND DPH OVERSIGHT RESPONSIBILITY

Secretary's Note – This item was called out of order, as the first item on the agenda.

Rajiv Bhatia, M.D., Director, Environmental Health Services, and Amy Brownell, P.E., EHS, gave an overview of the regulatory oversight and monitoring of dust and naturally occurring asbestos at the Lennar BVHP Parcel A Hunters Point Shipyard Redevelopment Project. They discussed the context of development for Parcel A, regulatory oversight of the development, rules that exist to control dust during development, current efforts and upcoming milestones. Dr. Bhatia said that prior to the transfer of Parcel A to the City the Board of Supervisors legislated new and unprecedented rules to require effective dust control at the Shipyard. Ms. Brownell described DPH's activities in enforcing dust control requirements. She also described the exceedence that occurred on May 30, 2008. Representatives from Lennar, the Health Department, the Redevelopment Agency and Arc Ecology met last week and agreed that going forward all results will be submitted all interested parties who are on the e-mail list as soon as the data is received from the laboratory.

Given extensive environmental review, the regulations in place and the independent reviews of asbestos monitoring data, DPH staff continues to believe that development activities at Parcel A do not endanger human health.

Commissioners' Questions

- Commissioner Tierney asked for more information about the 130,000 level that was identified on May 30th. Dr. Bhatia said the threshold level is intended to trigger work suspension. Work suspension is intended to be health protective. Asbestos is a health concern because it is a carcinogen. It requires long term exposure to high levels of concentrations to have a meaningful health risk. It is not a single dose at a single time that has ever been scientifically shown to cause cancer. Dr. Bhatia said that work operations are not resumed until there is confirmatory data that shows the level has dropped below the level. Vicki Dvorak, Air Quality Program Manager for the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, said the regulation is part of the Health and Safety Code and has several requirements that the Air District enforces. The Air District developed its stop work levels based on Office on Environmental Health Hazard assessment protocols.

- Commissioner Chow asked Ms. Brownell how quickly she receives sample data and why the results from the same sample varied so widely. Ms. Brownell said there is a daily sample, the lab analyzes the sample and sends a report to the consultant, who reports to Lennar the Air Board and DPH the next day. Ms. Brownell explained the lab's process to determine levels.

- Commissioner Sanchez said that when we went into this endeavor we know that it was a high risk community. He noted that the protocols were reviewed by an outside entity and DPH instituted recommendations. He asked who is responsible for the four community monitors. Ms. Brownell said Treadwell & Rollo, environmental consultants, oversee the community monitors. Dr. Bhatia said the Air District has regulatory oversight for this project, and regulates and monitors State legislative requirements. The Health Department is providing an additional, voluntary level of oversight. The Health Department also voluntarily went to ATSDT and asked them to evaluate what the Health Department has done. Commissioner Sanchez wants to ensure that the data that is being submitted by the community monitors is valid, that the sites are being maintained and that we are doing our due diligence. Commissioner Sanchez said the Health Department needs to look at a comprehensive approach to providing prevention and health screening in this community, instead of looking at individual pathways.

- Commissioner Illig asked what the relationship is between DPH and the developer. Dr. Bhatia said DPH is paid by the Redevelopment Agency. The developer pays fees to the Redevelopment Agency. Dust inspection fees are billed directly to the developer. This is not unusual, as all regulatory activities are fee based.

Public Comment

- Reverend Joe Niumalelega, United Samoa Pentecostal Church, said there are a lot of sick kids in the neighborhood. Stop the job and check the people that live over there.

- Minister Christopher Muhammad said Health Department staff deceived the Health Commission.

- Daniel Landry said the Health Department should be able to test for asbestos and the Commission should look deeper.

- Francisco DaCosta said there are other poisonous elements in the soil at Parcel A. Lennar has a bad history.

- Tesse Ester said that less than a month ago a Lennar truck violated the dust control requirements. The asthma and cancer in her community are caused by the shipyard.

- Marie Harrison said SFGH informed her that she needed to move her four year old out of the community. She worked for the shipyard and knows how toxic it is.

- Representative from POWER said shut down the project, and get people who are not from DPH and not from Lennar to see what is going on.

- Willie Ratcliffe, San Francisco Bayview News, said the Health Department should have an interest in what happens in the community.

- Liz Miesner, Environ International Corporation, said Environ has been working with Lennar since August 2007. Environ International agreed with the conclusion that grading activities on the site pose no health risk.

- Reverend Franzo King said all readings should be retested. There is something terribly wrong here and the community needs a serious period of time to detail its concerns.

- Reverend Aurelius Walker, African American Revitalization Consortium and Tabernacle Development Corporation, thanked the Health Department for scientific information and data. He is not here representing Lennar or the city, but represented his community.

- Erin, POWER, said the Health Department should conduct extensive tests and evaluation of Bayview residents, the shipyard project should be shut down until there are tests, and what about other toxic metals that come from the ground. Look at the issues holistically.

- Pastor Joesiah Bell, The Church at San Francisco, said the community is acting as if this is the only development that ever happened in Hunters Point. It is time for closure on this issue. The biggest problems for Hunters Point are the sewage treatment plant and the PG&E tower. Let's continue this job.

- Marcia Dale-LeWinter, Hunters Point Shipyard Citizens Advisory Committee, said the CAC has spent a lot of time paying attention to the dust and asbestos issues. They support redevelopment of the shipyard but know there are health issues that seem to be endemic to the community.

- Valerie Tulier, Latino Steering Committee, asked the Health Commission to stand up for poor and underserved communities. The community needs adequate time to counteract the Department's falsification. Statistics can never negate the sickness of the community.

- Dr. Ahimsa Porter Sumchai, Radiological Subcommittee, said that the 138,000 exceedence was not an isolated incident.

- James Walton, AARC, said the community is very concerned about health but we also have to respect technology. The Hunters Point Shipyard project has been scrutinized more than any other project.

- Octavio Guillermo Solarzano said he has been sick and his mom suffered an asthma attack last week.

- Adela Andrea Flores-Bolanos said the Health Department is deceiving the Health Commission.

Commissioner Illig thanked the speakers for their testimony, and said the public is welcome to submit any additional information in writing. He said the Health Commission is concerned about the health of all San Franciscans and is well aware that there are serious health disparities in the Bayview and among the African American population that existed long before Lennar started building and will continue to exist unless all parties get together to address the issues.

7) OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Illig announced that the September 2nd Health Commission meeting will be rescheduled to September 9th, and the Finance Committee will be rescheduled as well.

Commissioner Illig announced that there is a special meeting of the Citywide Health Planning and Effectiveness Committee on Tuesday, August 12th, and the topic will be a reassessment of the purpose and mission of the committee.

Commissioner Sanchez said the Commission should consider having a joint meeting with the School District and look at the issue facing children in the Bayview Hunters Point community.

Commissioner Tierney would be interested in getting a report about the proactive activities the Health Department is doing about Health Disparities in Bay View Hunters Point.

8) COMMISSIONER REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Chow announced that the Joint Commission still has not arrived at San Francisco General Hospital for its survey.

9) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

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MINUTES

CITYWIDE HEALTH PLANNING AND EFFECTIVENESS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, July 15, 2008
2:00 p.m.
101 Grove Street, Room 302
San Francisco, CA 94102

1) CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Melara called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Present: Commissioner Sonia E. Melara, MSW, Chair
Commissioner Steven Tierney, Ed.D., Member

Absent: Commissioner Margine A. Sako, Member (excused)

Staff: Barbara Garcia, Director of Community Programs, Jim Soos, Deputy Director, Office of Policy and Planning, Tomas Aragon, Deputy Health Officer, Ginger Smyly, Director, Community Health Promotion and Prevention, Charlie Morimoto, Deputy Director, Community Programs, Anne Kronenberg, Director, Office of Policy and Planning and Brittany Ruiz, Violence Prevention Coordinator.

Guests: Michael Huff, Building a Healthier San Francisco, Sarah Gordon, San Francisco Community Clinic Consortium, Monica Washishu, student intern, Abraham Lincoln High School, Stacy Campbell, Pipeline Summer Intern and Leah Johnson, Pipeline Summer Intern.

2) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 17, 2008 CHPEC MEETING

Action Taken: The Committee approved the minutes of the June 17, 2008 meeting.

3) COMMUNITY HEALTH MODELING PRESENTATIONS

Tomas Aragon, M.D., Deputy Health Director presented various concepts and models for looking at health disparities in San Francisco. Barbara Garcia said the SFDPH Health Equity Leadership Group is focusing on alcohol abuse and African American health disparities. The goal is to have an impact by focusing together on just a few issues. This group is now up and running.

Public Comment

- Dale Milpay, Co-Chair, National Alliance for Mental Illness, asked how DPH plans to track the mental health related outcomes for clients progressing through the system. There are a lot of people that fall through the cracks. Ms. Garcia said improved technology is part of the solution, and this year CBHS will have a new system. The most vulnerable clients are in a case management system to ensure that patients do not fall through the cracks.

4) VIOLENCE PREVENTION UPDATES: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND CITYWIDE APPROACHES

Charlie Morimoto, Community Programs, Ginger Smyly, Director, Community Health Promotion and Prevention presented an overview of the Health Department's programs focused on violence. Ms. Smyly gave an overview of CHPPs roles vis-à-vis violence prevention:

- Collect, analyze and report on violent injuries and deaths (including suicides). This allows us to identify possible prevention points.
- Provide training on violence and violence prevention for city, public and private agencies.
- Provide for and participate in citywide and regional violence prevention planning.
- Establish collaborations/partnerships to enhance systems, maximize service and programs or to facilitate advocacy.
- Implement pilot programs in communities of need to test or model interventions.

Ms. Smyly briefly listed the top 10 priorities of the Citywide Violence Prevention Plan that Maya Dillard Smith will present next month.

Commissioner Melara said there is much data about the effects of witnessing violence on children, with the trauma resulting in health problems. Much of the approach to violence focuses on fixing the results of violence at the individual level, not the community level. Ms. Smyly said the Health Department does very little in the area of violence prevention. The majority of money is targeted toward taking care of a person after he or she is a victim of violence. Commissioner Melara said supporting families to stay intact is very important in terms of preventing violence and keeping children safe.

Charlie Morimoto gave an overview of the Crisis Response Team, a DPH program that works with families directly impacted by a homicide and/or witnesses of stabbing or shooting violence. This team responds to incidents citywide and operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week. CBHS's integrated response includes crisis intervention, mental health services, assistance finding clergy,

connecting to funeral/burial services, debriefings at schools, daycares and in the community, short-term case management and follow-up services.

Commissioner Tierney asked how many folks the team gets in ouch with after 90 days. Mr. Morimoto said the number is not high, which is why they are working with Trauma Recovery and the CRN.

5) EMERGING ISSUES

The next agenda will include a discussion about the committee composition and six-month calendar.

6) PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

7) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

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Tuesday, August 19, 2008
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4:00 p.m.
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1) **CALL TO ORDER**

2) **PROPOSED ACTION:** **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF AUGUST 5, 2008**
**Minutes of the meeting of August 5, 2008*

3) **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT****

4) **FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:** **CITYWIDE HEALTH PLANNING AND EFFECTIVENESS COMMITTEE REPORT**
(Sonia Melara, CHPEC Chair)
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5) **FOR DISCUSSION:** **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
(Mitchell H. Katz, M.D., Director of Health)
(Report on activities and operations of the Department)
**Director's Report*

6) **FOR DISCUSSION:** **4TH QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT**
(Gregg Sass, Chief Financial Officer)
**Report*

7) **FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:** **HEALTHY SAN FRANCISO ONE YEAR UPDATE**
(Tangerine Brigham, Healthy San Francisco Director)
**Update*

8) **CLOSED SESSION**

A) Public Comments on All Matters Pertaining to the Closed Session

B) Vote on Whether to Hold a Closed Session (San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.11)

C) Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 and San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.10(d)

APPROVAL OF A SETTLEMENT OF DEWITT V. CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO, US DISTRICT COURT, NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, CASE NUMBER 07-3791 PJH, IN THE AMOUNT OF $50,000.

D) Reconvene in Open Session

1. Possible Report on Action Taken in Closed Session (Government Code Section 54957.1(a)2 and San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(b)(2).)

2. Vote to Elect Whether to Disclose Any or All Discussions Held in Closed Session. (San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(a).) (Action Item)

9) **OTHER BUSINESS*****

10) **COMMISSIONER REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

11) **ADJOURNMENT**

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1) CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Illig called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

Present: Commissioner James M. Illig, President
Commissioner Sonia E. Melara, MSW, Vice President – left at 5:45 p.m.
Commissioner Margine A. Sako
Commissioner David J. Sanchez, Jr., Ph.D.
Commissioner Catherine M. Waters, R.N., Ph.D.

Absent: Commissioner Edward A. Chow, M.D. (excused)
Commissioner Steven Tierney, Ed.D. (excused)

2) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF AUGUST 5, 2008

Action Taken: The Commission (Illig, Melara, Sako, Sanchez, Waters) approved the minutes of the August 5, 2008 Health Commission meeting.

3) GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

James R. Elerick submitted a letter to the Health Commission regarding North and South of Market Adult Day Health, specifically his concerns about misuse of city funds. (The letter is on file in the Health Commission Office.)

4) CITYWIDE HEALTH PLANNING AND EFFECTIVENESS COMMITTEE REPORT

Commissioner Melara said the Citywide Health Planning and Effectiveness Committee met twice in the past two weeks. On August 12th the committee held a discussion about the mission and direction of the committee to ensure it was going in the appropriate direction. Earlier today the committee had a discussion about overarching discussion points that will be referred to the Finance Committee's work on budget priorities and principles. Anne Kronenberg, Director of the Office of Policy and Planning, presented the work of the San Francisco Community Benefits Partnership (SFCBP), which was discussed at the last meeting. SFCPB is an outgrowth of the Building a Healthier San Francisco needs assessment process and the Charity Care Project. The vision of SFCBP is to harness the collective energy and resources of San Francisco's private hospitals, City departments, community clinics, health plans, non-profit providers and advocacy groups to improve the health status of San Francisco residents. Its goals are:

- Improve Access to Care
- Prevent Chronic Disease and Increase Wellness
- Reduce the Incidence of Communicable Disease
- Engage in Violence Prevention

SFCBP Principles

- Emphasis on disproportional unmet health needs
- Emphasis on primary prevention
- Seamless continuum of care
- Build community capacity
- Emphasis on collaborative governance

SFCBP proposes to interface with the Health Commission via the Citywide Health Planning and Effectiveness Committee. The Committee will provide direction and leadership, plus provide an additional forum for public input and transparency. Ms. Kronenberg said it is the intention of the Citywide Health Planning and Effectiveness Committee to come to the September 9th meeting with a resolution supporting SFCBP's goals.

Public Comment

- Ron Smith, Hospital Council, spoke in support of this effort.

- Abby Yant, St. Francis Memorial Hospital, spoke in support of this effort, which will be beneficial to all participants.

Commissioners' Comments/Follow Up

- Commissioner Sanchez suggested establishing a core research and development unit, funded by various partners, to perform ongoing, uniform data collection, analysis and assessment. We need solid data in order to generate solid public policy.

- Commissioner Sako asked if the work being done will include outcomes and trend analysis. Ms. Yant said as they develop programs that fall under the various goals they will be very clear what the desired outcomes are and how they will be measured. The web based tool is forcing them to be data driven in a whole new way.

- Commissioner Illig said one challenge is that this is a hospital based group, comprised of hospitals that are in the business of health care, that is now opening up to providers that have a mission of serving the poor and are not in the business of healthcare. Commissioner Illig is also concerned about violence prevention as a top priority as opposed to other health concerns that may have a greater impact. Ms. Kronenberg said that Dr. Aragon's work demonstrates the impact of violence on years of life lost. Violence prevention was a consistent topic, and clearly from a community perspective this issue is very important. DPH acknowledges that it is not the lead agency, but the health of our residents is greatly impacted by violence.

- Commissioner Illig announced that there will be a special meeting of the Finance Committee meeting on Tuesday, August 26, 3:00 p.m. at 101 Grove, Room 300, to discuss budget principles.

5) DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mitchell H. Katz, M.D., Director of Health, presented the Director's Report. Dr. Katz said that today Mayor Newsom signed the ban on tobacco sales in pharmacies. Dr. Katz added that Marin is very interested in doing similar legislation.

DPH Items at the Board of Supervisors
The Board of Supervisors went on recess after its regular meeting on August 12 and will not reconvene until after Labor Day. The full Board will not meet until September 9. Some committees may meet starting on September 3. The Director's Report summarized items affecting DPH have been introduced.

Budget Update
The 2008-09 City Budget was adopted with a $4.8M imbalance that resulted from the rejection of a proposal to re-deploy Sheriff Deputies to staff the jails and contract out security services for the Health Department. The Mayor covered the imbalance with a transfer from the General Fund Reserve, with the intent of making adjustments to the Budget to restore funding to the General Fund reserve.

On August 12, the Mayor's Office released a list of reductions totaling $4.8M reversing several Board restorations. The list included six reductions to the Department's budget, totaling $2M, which is less than 10% of the $20.8M restored by the Board of Supervisors.

Civil Service items

DEAP Program	$160,000	Remaining funding will cover part of year.
Health at Home Nurses	300,000	25% of original restoration. Eliminates funding for 3 positions. Department will delete vacant positions, to the extent possible.
SFGH Operating Room Time	526,380	50% of original restoration. Reduces hours of operation by 4 per day for one operating room.

Contractor Items

Outreach Services	222,075	20% of original restoration. This would translate to a 5.5% reduction to unmatched GF for 27 MH and SA contracts.
Bayview Health Initiative	100,000	$100K of $750K program. Department will revise implementation plans consistent with reduced funding.
Outpatient Services	657,036	10% of original restoration. Department will focus on contracts that are not meeting service levels. This will reduce selected contracts to levels consistent with expected payment for services.
Total	$1,965,491	

Death of Dr. Ellen Wolfe

It is with great sadness that we learned of the recent death of Ellen L. Wolfe, DrPH, PNP, a widely known and highly respected San Francisco registered nurse and doctor of Public Health who died on August 4, 2008, from complications of rapidly advancing colon cancer. Dr. Wolfe was director of the Children's Medical Services and dedicated her life to the care and well being of underserved children and their families. She served as director of the Early Parenting Project, a pioneering child abuse prevention program at San Francisco General Hospital. Following the success of that program, she was instrumental in creating the Child Protection Center at SFGH, serving as the program's associate director for Health Care Services from 1989 through 2005. Some of her notable accomplishments include development of a Health Passport system for children in foster care in San Francisco, creation of a child abuse manual which serves as a reference for medical and nursing staff at SFGH and educating foster parents, health care professionals and students about child abuse reporting law and health issues. A tireless advocate for children's access to health care services, Dr. Wolfe served on many regional and state committees including the California Subcommittees on Medically Fragile Children in Foster Care, Personnel Advisory Committee for Early Intervention Services, and the San Francisco Child Abuse Prevention Ctr. A tribute ceremony to Dr. Ellen L. Wolfe is planned for the near future. For the date and other details, please email Jan.Culbertson@sfdph.org. Donations may be made in Dr. Wolfe's memory to the San Francisco Child Abuse Prevention Center, 1757 Waller St. SF, CA, 94117 or a charity of your choice.

Summer Internship Program

July 25th marked the last day of the High School Pipeline internship for summer 2008. In its second year, the High School Pipeline is a joint project of the San Francisco Unified School District (Schools to Careers), the Southeast Community College-Hekima project and the Department of Public Health. This year, 16 students, ages 14 - 17, completed six weeks of work in various Sections and Units under the supervision of DPH staff. Kaiser Permamente, the San Francisco Community Clinic Consortium and the San Francisco Study Center played a key role in compensating the students. Thanks to the Community Health Promotion Section and Human Resources for organizing the internships. Special thanks and recognition goes out to the supervisors who worked with the youth through the six week internship.

Active for Life Campaign Concludes

The 10-week American Cancer Society sponsored *Active for Life* program took place from May 19 – July 27, 2008. *Active for Life* encourages employees to become more physically active and set individual exercise goals that get folded into the larger team and, ultimately, the Department's goal. Teams and other city departments compete according to the percent of accumulated goals achieved.

This year, DPH hosted 11 teams for a total of 166 team members. Overall, DPH placed third citywide. Our lead team "2 Fat/2 Furious," led by Team Captain Franz Gwiazdon, came in second place citywide and the DPH AIDS Office led by David Macias, came in fifth. The employee that met the highest percent of their set goal was Millie Chan from 1380 Howard Street on the 2 Fat/2 Furious team. The highest amount of Life Points were held by Francine Austin from the AIDS Office.

San Francisco General Hospital & Trauma Center Credentials Report, August 2008

	08/08	07/08 to 06/09
New Appointments	31	67
Reinstatements	0	0
Reappointments	64	106
Delinquencies:	0	0
Reappointment Denials:	0	0
Resigned/Retired:	24	55
Disciplinary Actions	0	0
Restriction/Limitation-Privileges	0	0
Deceased	0	0
Changes in Privileges		
Additions	5	7
Voluntary Relinquishments	10	10
Proctorship Completed	15	20
Proctorship Extension	0	0

Current Statistics – as of 08/01/08		
Active Staff	499	
Courtesy Staff	544	
Affiliate Professionals (non-physicians)	226	
TOTAL MEMBERS	1,269	
Applications In Process		66
Applications Withdrawn Month of July 2008		0
SFGH Reappointments in Process 08/2008 to 12/2008		269

LHH Credentials Year-to-Date Report, 7/1/2007 to 06/30/2008

New Appointments	5
Reinstatements	0
Withdrawal	0
Reappointments	47
Delinquencies:	0
Reappointment Denials:	0

Resigned/Retired	9
Disciplinary Actions	0
Restriction/Limitation of Privileges	0
Changes in Privileges	0
Additions	0
Voluntary Relinquishments	0

Commissioners' Comments/Follow Up

- Commissioner Illig asked the Health Commission Executive Secretary to distribute links to the two grand jury reports referenced in the Director's Report: *The Homeless Have Homes but They are Still on the Street* and *Accountability in Government*. Commissioner Illig asked Ms. Kronenberg to send Commissioners a sample of an SF Stat Report and a summary of the DPH Efficiency Plan.

6) 4TH QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT

Gregg Sass, Chief Financial Officer, presented the 4th quarter financial report. The Department is projecting a revenue surplus of $1.858 million and an expenditure surplus of $2.963 million, for a projected net surplus of $4.821 million. Mr. Sass reviewed the finances for each division. He noted that these financial statements are preliminary and it is expected that changed will occur through the annual audit process. The Department will need to work with the Controller to address the overspending at the hospitals, which appear to be fully covered with surplus revenues.

7) HEALTHY SAN FRANCISO ONE YEAR UPDATE

Tangerine Brigham, Healthy San Francisco Director, presented an update on Healthy San Francisco. Since piloting the program more than a year ago, HSF has met several milestones from expanding the number of participating medical home sites from 2 to 27 to enrolling more than 27,000 uninsured residents into the program. Lindsey Angelats described the evaluation of HSF and the activities to date. Danice Cook talked about upcoming program activities within HSF, and also presented enrollment projections. The second year will have an increased focus on program features and evaluation.

Public Comment

- Dick Hodgson, San Francisco Community Clinic Consortium, said the consortium clinics are very happy to be part of Healthy San Francisco. He applauded the bi-weekly coordinating meetings.

Commissioner Comments/Follow Up

- Commissioner Waters asked if there will be health promotion indicators, such as physical activities, fresh fruit consumption and other lifestyle behaviors. Ms. Brigham said they are going to include some questions regarding behavior in surveys. Dr. Katz added that there have been discussions about classes and direct marketing of health promotion. Commissioner Waters asked Ms. Brigham to send her the participant fee scale.

- Commissioner Sako encouraged Healthy San Francisco to take advantage of the opportunity to partner with the San Francisco Community Benefits Partnership. Commissioner Sako

would like to see some utilization numbers as quickly as possible, rather than waiting for six to seven months. Ms. Brigham said preliminary data will be available at the beginning of the year.

- Commissioner Illig wants another report at the beginning of the year with as much data as possible.

8) **CLOSED SESSION**

A) Public Comments on All Matters Pertaining to the Closed Session

None.

B) Vote on Whether to Hold a Closed Session (San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.11)

The Commission went into closed session at 6:45 p.m. Present in closed session were Commissioner Illig, Commissioner Sako, Commissioner Sanchez, Commissioner Waters, Mitchell H. Katz, M.D., Health Director, Elizabeth Jacobi, Human Resources Director, Rose-Ellen Fairgrieve, Deputy City Attorney and Michele Seaton, Health Commission Executive Secretary.

C) Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 and San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.10(d)

APPROVAL OF A SETTLEMENT OF DEWITT V. CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO, US DISTRICT COURT, NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, CASE NUMBER 07-3791 PJH, IN THE AMOUNT OF $50,000.

Action Taken: The Commission (Illig, Sako, Sanchez, Waters) approved the settlement of DeWitt v. City and County of San Francisco in the amount of $50,000.

D) Reconvene in Open Session

The Commission reconvened in open session at 6:50 p.m.

1. Possible Report on Action Taken in Closed Session (Government Code Section 54957.1(a)2 and San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(b)(2).)

2. Vote to Elect Whether to Disclose Any or All Discussions Held in Closed Session. (San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(a).)

Action Taken: The Commission (Illig, Sako, Sanchez, Waters) voted to not disclose any discussions held in closed session.

9) **OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

10) **COMMISSIONER REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None.

11) **ADJOURNMENT**

. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m. in memory of Dr. Ellen Wolfe.

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Tuesday, September 9, 2008
4:00 p.m.
101 Grove Street, Room 300

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NOTICED OF RESCHEDULED FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

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Tuesday, September 9, 2008
2:00 p.m.
101 Grove Street, Room 302

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***PLEASE NOTE THIS MEETING WAS RESCHEDULED FROM SEPTEMBER 2, 2008**

1) **CALL TO ORDER**

2) **PROPOSED ACTION:** **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF AUGUST 19, 2008**
**Minutes of the meeting of August 19, 2008*

3) **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT****

4) **FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:** **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**
(Steven Tierney, Finance Committee Chair)
** Finance Committee Packet*

5) **FOR DISCUSSION:** **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
(Mitchell H. Katz, M.D., Director of Health)
(Report on activities and operations of the Department)
**Director's Report*

6) **FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:** **PRESENTATION OF THE DPH IT PLAN**
(Dave Counter, MIS Director)
** IT Plan*

7) **FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:** **CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE SAN FRANCISCO COMMUNITY BENEFIT'S PARTNERSHIP PRIORITIES**
(Anne Kronenberg, Director, Office of Policy and Planning)
**Resolution*

8) **FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:** **ADOPTION OF HEALTH COMMISSION BUDGET PRINCIPLES**
(Health Commission)
** Budget Principles*

9) **CLOSED SESSION**

A) Public Comments on All Matters Pertaining to the Closed Session

B) Vote on Whether to Hold a Closed Session (San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.11)

C) Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 and San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.10(d)

APPROVAL OF A SETTLEMENT OF DOUMA ET AL V. CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO, SAN FRANCISCO SUPERIOR COURT CASE NO. 466068.

D) Reconvene in Open Session

1. Possible Report on Action Taken in Closed Session (Government Code Section 54957.1(a)2 and San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(b)(2).)

2. Vote to Elect Whether to Disclose Any or All Discussions Held in Closed Session. (San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(a).) (Action Item)

10) **OTHER BUSINESS*****

11) **COMMISSIONER REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

12) **ADJOURNMENT**

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HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, September 9, 2008
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1) CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Illig called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

Present: Commissioner James M. Illig, President
Commissioner Sonia E. Melara, MSW, Vice President
Commissioner Edward A. Chow, M.D.
Commissioner Margine A. Sako
Commissioner David J. Sanchez, Jr., Ph.D. – arrived at 4:35 p.m.
Commissioner Steven Tierney, Ed.D.
Commissioner Catherine M. Waters, R.N., Ph.D.

Commissioner Illig announced that the September 16, 2008 Health Commission meeting will be cancelled. The next Health Commission meeting will be October 7, 2008.

2) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF AUGUST 19, 2008

Action Taken: The Commission (Chow, Illig, Melara, Sako, Tierney, Waters) approved the minutes of the August 19, 2008 Health Commission meeting.

3) GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Dick Hodgson, San Francisco Community Clinic Consortium, spoke in support of the Community Benefits Partnership Resolution.

Rachelle Savola, SEIU 1021, introduced herself to the Health Commission as the representative of Laguna Honda Hospital staff and workers, mainly CNAs. The union's goal is to influence the decisions that impact working conditions. She has been impressed with the longevity of staff at Laguna Honda. There is anxiety around the four wards that are closing and the transition to the new building.

Richard Heasley, Executive Director of Conard House, informed the Health Commission that Mark Stanford, who worked at SEIU and advocated before the Health Commission on numerous occasions, died of a heart attack last week.

4) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Commissioner Tierney updated the Commission on the Finance Committee meeting. The Committee will continue revising the Health Commission Budget Principles. Edits will be sent to Ms. Seaton and the plan is to adopt them at the October 7th Finance Committee meeting and Health Commission meeting. The Committee agreed that there needs to be visioning about what a smaller health system would look like, and the October Finance Committee meeting will focus on psychiatric and behavioral health services. Either the Finance Committee or Planning Committee will focus on long-term care and related services at an upcoming meeting. The Finance Committee also took the following action:

- Approved the September 2008 Contracts Report.
- Approved a series of new contracts as well as the relocation of Oakes Children's Services
- Accepted the Corrective Action Plan for Westside Community Mental Health Services

Action Taken: The Commission (Chow, Illig, Melara, Sako, Tierney, Waters) approved the Finance Committee report and all actions taken by the Committee.

5) DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mitchell H. Katz, M.D., Health Director, presented the Director's Report. Walgreen's is officially suing the city, claiming that the prohibition of sales of tobacco at pharmacies is unfair because it does not apply to all retailers. Arguments will be heard on September 31, 2008. The Board of Supervisors met today about the second hand smoke ordinance. The Board sent the proposed ordinance back to committee.

DPH Items at the Board of Supervisors
The Board of Supervisors resumes regular meetings on September 9 following its summer and Labor Day recess. Only the full Board and the Budget & Finance Committee are meeting during the week of September 8.

CDC Director Returns to SFGH
Dr. Julie Gerberding, Director of the CDC, spent nearly two weeks at SFGH at the end of August doing a rotation in infectious diseases and giving a Grand Rounds presentation on the National

Health Shortage. During her stay, Dr. Gerberding saw a variety of patients on the medical, surgical and intensive care units with complex infectious disease problems. Because she is interested in all aspects of public health, she also visited HIV sites, a health center, a shelter and a needle exchange site. Channel 7 shadowed Dr. Gerberding and aired a special segment on her work at SFGH as well as her role as CDC Director. We were thrilled to have Dr. Gerberding back with us in San Francisco and thank her for helping to bring public attention to the many challenges that face healthcare providers in urban settings throughout the US.

Breastfeeding Rates at California Hospitals

Davis Human Lactation Center and the California WIC Association (CWA) rank nearly every hospital in the state in terms of the rate of new mothers who breastfeed while in the hospital. The analysis reveals stark differences in rates, with a concentration of low-performing hospitals in Southern California counties, and demonstrates that the breastfeeding gap is greatest in hospitals serving ethnic low-income mothers and babies. But the report goes on to show that, when hospitals improve their newborn feeding policies and practices, they dramatically increase their breastfeeding rates. San Francisco General is proof that policies matter when it comes to breastfeeding support. Even though nearly all of the 1,266 mothers giving birth there in 2007 were on Medi-Cal, the hospital's exclusive breastfeeding rate was an impressive 88.9 percent. San Francisco General has institutionalized policies that make breastfeeding a priority.

Environmental Health Participates in Terrorism Drill

On August 16, staff from Environmental Health Services participated in day-long, region-wide Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) Terrorism Drill at 555 California St. and 1 Post. The exercise included simulated attacks by suspected terrorists and releases of chemicals, radiological and biological weapons. Numerous agencies including SFFD, SFPD, Alameda County Fire/HazMat, Santa Clara County Fire/ HazMat, EPA, and the 95th Civil Support Team participated. The exercise provided invaluable experience and information for participating agencies and enhances area preparedness in the event of a WMD incident.

Community Clean Air Shuttle

The community clean air shuttle to health services, operated by Bayview Hunters Point Foundation for Community Improvement; has now reached its 100-day mark, with ridership along the BVHP stops already becoming established. We need additional help in getting riders to travel to the SFGHMC and St. Luke's Hospital stops. Contact Vincent Webster at 415-740-4416 for further information, or to have your agency receive a shuttle tour. The San Francisco MTA provided an in-kind contribution of signage at the stop locations, which has resulted in the Community Shuttle gaining visibility and ridership. As this data becomes available, we will provide further updates to the Health Commission. The parent funding agency, the regional Metropolitan Transportation Commission, has a Minority Citizens Advisory Committee which just visited the Bayview Hunters Point operation to learn more about this project and to experience the shuttle route. Those Committee members were very pleased to see a community agency get such a transportation service up and running in record time.

Center for Science in the Public Interest Evaluates Big City Food Safety Programs

In the summer of 2008, the Center for Science in the Public Interest released a study of food safety in 20 big cities in the United States, including San Francisco, Boston, New York, Seattle, and Los Angeles. The report, entitled "Dirty Dining," analyzed routine inspection reports from 30 randomly selected restaurants in each locality and evaluated each localities procedures for public disclosure of inspection findings. Based on their analysis, San Francisco restaurants had among the lowest rates of observed critical food safety violations. The report also found that relative to the studied cities,

San Francisco food inspectors had a lower than average inventory of food facilities. Many of the recommendations provided in the Center's report, including standardization of food inspection practices, adoption of the 2005 food code, multi-lingual training of restaurant employees, a risk-based inspection schedule, and restaurant scoring based on violation severity, are practices that have already been implemented by the Department. The report also advocated for the posting of food safety grades in windows, which is something that has not yet been required in San Francisco.

Five Year Anniversary of Office-Based Opioid Treatment

In 1998, in the wake of an ongoing heroin epidemic in San Francisco, the Board of Supervisors passed a resolution sponsored by then-Supervisor Gavin Newsom instructing the Department of Public Health to develop and implement a plan to expand opioid treatment into office-based treatment settings. In the summer of 2003, following nearly five years of meetings, planning and negotiations with Federal, State and local agencies, the San Francisco Department of Public Health's Office-Based Opioid Treatment (OBOT) Pilot Program enrolled its first patient into the methadone arm of the program. Several months later, the first buprenorphine patient was enrolled. Over the ensuing 5 years, nearly 470 patients have enrolled in the program. The current OBOT patient census is 206. Drug use has dropped dramatically, and a number of our patients have secured employment, reunited with family, secured permanent housing, and/or tapered off the medication (some patients have transferred care to the private sector). All OBOT patients receive integrated primary care and addiction treatment services. Patient and provider satisfaction has been extremely high.

6) PRESENTATION OF THE DPH IT PLAN

Dave Counter, Chief Information Officer, presented an overview of the DPH IT Plan. Mr. Counter reviewed organization and governance, infrastructure and software systems, services and staffing developments, FY 07-08 Completed Initiatives, FY 08-09 current initiatives and timelines, Ambulatory Electronic Medical Record Initiative, FY 09-10 projected initiatives and timelines and challenges and opportunities.

FY 08-09 Priority Initiatives

- Behavioral Health Fiscal and Clinical System (36 months)
- UCSF/DPH Primary Care Telemedicine project (36 months)
- Ambulatory Care Electronic Medical Record (60 months)

FY 09-10 Projected Initiatives

- Behavioral Health Pharmacy upgrade
- e-Referral System expansion
- Project Homeless Connect/Emergency response
- SFGH Patient Accounting Claims data storage
- DPH-wide Area Network upgrade
- LHH Replacement Project
- SFGH document imaging
- DPH WAN wireless network expansion
- Desktop computing devices replacement
- Enhanced data reporting and integration
- SFGH medication administration checking
- SFGH rebuild technical infrastructure plan
- UCSF/DPH telemedicine expansion

Next Steps/Follow-Up

- Commissioner Illig said that a Health Commission priority is to be able to evaluate outcomes of services. Dr. Katz said the Department does have this goal in mind, but the outdated technology gets in the way. However there has been movement in this direction. Mr. Counter added that outcomes will be a key piece of the Ambulatory Care Electronic Medical Record. Commissioner Illig said the next IT plan should be organized around major Departmental goals and demonstrate how plan components will help the Department measure outcomes.

- Commissioner Waters said it is important to include clinicians in developing and evaluating programs.

7) CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE SAN FRANCISCO COMMUNITY BENEFIT'S PARTNERSHIP PRIORITIES

Mitchell H. Katz, M.D., Health Director, presented the resolution supporting the Community Benefits Partnership goals and the incorporation of these goals into the DPH Strategic Plan.

Public Comment

Abbie Yant, Building a Healthy San Francisco and St. Francis Memorial Hospital, spoke in support of the resolution.

Action Taken: The Commission approved Resolution 16-08, "Supporting the Goals of the San Francisco Community Benefits Partnership and Incorporating Them Into the Department's Strategic Planning Principles and Framework," (Attachment A).

8) ADOPTION OF HEALTH COMMISSION BUDGET PRINCIPLES

This item was continued to the October 7, 2008 Health Commission meeting.

9) CLOSED SESSION

A) Public Comments on All Matters Pertaining to the Closed Session

None.

B) Vote on Whether to Hold a Closed Session (San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.11)

Action Taken: The Commission voted to hold a closed session.

The Commission went into closed session at 5:55 p.m. Present in closed session were Commissioner Illig, Commissioner Chow, Commissioner Melara, Commissioner Sako, Commissioner Sanchez, Commissioner Tierney and Commissioner Waters, Mitchell H. Katz, M.D., Health Director, Ellen Shapiro,

Deputy City Attorney and Michele Seaton, Health Commission Executive Secretary.

C) Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 and San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.10(d)

Action Taken: The Commission approved the settlement of Douma et al v. City and County of San Francisco, San Francisco Superior Court Case No. 466068.

D) Reconvene in Open Session

The Commission reconvened in open session at 6:11 p.m.

1. Possible Report on Action Taken in Closed Session (Government Code Section 54957.1(a)2 and San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(b)(2).)

2. Vote to Elect Whether to Disclose Any or All Discussions Held in Closed Session. (San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(a).)

Action Taken: The Commission voted not to disclose any discussions held in closed session.

10) OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Melara asked that items where there is public testimony be called before items where there is no public testimony.

11) COMMISSIONER REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

12) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

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Michele M. Seaton
Health Commission Executive Secretary

Attachments: (1)

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AGENDA

HEALTH COMMISSION FINANCE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 7, 2008
2:00 p.m.
101 Grove Street, Room 220
San Francisco, CA 94102

Commissioner Steven Tierney, Ed.D., Chair
Commissioner Edward A. Chow, M.D., Member
Commissioner Sonia E. Melara, MSW, Member
Commissioner James M. Illig, Ex Officio

1) **CALL TO ORDER**

2) **ACTION ITEM:** **APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 9, 2008 FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES**
**September 9, 2008 Minutes*

3) **ACTION ITEM:** **CONTRACT UPDATE AND APPROVAL**
(Jacquie Hale, Manager, Contracts Office)

3.1) Approval of the October 2008 Health Commission Contracts Report

3.2) **BHS-Mental Health** – Request for approval of a retroactive contract renewal with A Better Way, Inc., in the amount of $1,310,000 per year, for a total contract amount of $5,868,800, which includes a 12% contingency, to provide mental health treatment and skill-building services to children and families involved with, or at risk for becoming involved with the foster care system in San Francisco, for the period of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2012 (4 years).
** Calendaring memo, Client demographic information form*

4) **FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:** **DISCUSSION OF THE CONTINUUM OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES**
(DPH Staff)

5) **FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:** **REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER REGARDING THE MONITORING OF NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AWARDED FEDERAL FUNDS BY DPH IN FY 2006-2007**
(Monique Zmuda, Deputy Controller)
**Single Audit Reports*

6) **FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:** **HEALTH COMMISSION BUDGET PRINCIPLES**
(Commissioners)
**Draft Budget Principles*

7) **EMERGING ISSUES**

8) **PUBLIC COMMENT****

9) **ADJOURNMENT**

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1) **CALL TO ORDER**

2) **PROPOSED ACTION:** **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2008**
**Minutes of the meeting of September 9, 2008*

3) **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT****

4) **FOR DISCUSSION:** **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
(Mitchell H. Katz, M.D., Director of Health)
(Report on activities and operations of the Department)
**Director's Report*

5) **FOR DISCUSSION:** **HEALTH IMPACT OF STATE AND LOCAL BALLOT PROPOSITIONS**
(Jim Soos, Deputy Director, Policy and Planning)
**Analysis*

6) **FOR DISCUSSION:** **UPDATE ON THE ST. LUKE'S BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**
(Judy Li, DrPH, Chief Administrative Officer, St. Luke's Campus)
**Blue Ribbon Committee Recommendations*

7) **FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:** **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**
(Steven Tierney, Committee Chair)
**Finance Committee Packet*

8) **FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:** **CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTING BUDGET PRINCIPLES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**
(Mitchell H. Katz, M.D., Health Director)
**Budget Principles, Resolution*

9) **FOR DISCUSSION:** **INFECTIOUS DISEASE PREVENTION OUTREACH PROJECT UPDATE**
(Susan Fernyak, M.D., Director, Community Disease Control and Prevention)

10) **OTHER BUSINESS*****

11) **COMMISSIONER REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

12) **ADJOURNMENT**

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1) CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Illig called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

Present: Commissioner James M. Illig, President
Commissioner Sonia E. Melara, MSW, Vice President – left at 6:00 p.m.
Commissioner Edward A. Chow, M.D.
Commissioner Margine A. Sako
Commissioner David J. Sanchez, Jr., Ph.D. – left at 6:25 p.m.
Commissioner Steven Tierney, Ed.D.
Commissioner Catherine M. Waters, R.N., Ph.D.

2) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2008

Action Taken: The Commission approved the minutes of the September 9, 2008 Health Commission meeting.

3) GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Jason Fried, Health Care Workers, brought it to the Commission's attention that CPMC is proposing to close the geriatric psychiatry program at Davies Hospital.

Charles Marsteller said he was given an HIV test that he did not consent to, and asked the Commission to review the policy of testing for HIV and expunge his record. Commissioner Tierney asked for a report back from staff clarifying the Department's policy for obtaining consent, given that the law around consent changed last year.

4) DIRECTOR'S REPORT

DPH Items at the Board of Supervisors

During the week of October 6, the Government Audit & Oversight Committee and the Land Use & Economic Development Committee meet on Monday, the full Board of Supervisors meets on Tuesday, and a special meeting of the Land Use & Economic Development Committee meets again on Wednesday. The report listed the legislation and hearings that related to the Health Department.

Ninth Circuit Court Rules on ERISA

On September 30, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals issued its ruling in the Golden Gate Restaurant Association vs City and County of San Francisco lawsuit. The lawsuit challenged the Employer Spending Requirement of the Health Care Security Ordinance. Specifically, plaintiffs contended that the Ordinance was preempted by the 1974 federal Employees Retirement Income and Security Act. The Court found ERISA did not preempt the Ordinance. The outcome of the decision is the City and County can continue to enforce the Employer Spending Requirement which began on January 9, 2008 when the Ninth Circuit issued a ruling allowing implementation of the Ordinance pending appeal. The Employer Spending Requirement of the Health Care Security Ordinance is overseen by the Office of Labor Standards and Enforcement. The lawsuit did not challenge the Healthy San Francisco program.

Court Upholds Tobacco Ban

Also on September 30 San Francisco Superior Court Judge Peter Busch denied Walgreens' motion to prevent our ordinance banning the sale of tobacco in pharmacies from taking effect. The Judge ruled that Walgreens is not likely to succeed in its claim that the ordinance violates its equal protection rights by excluding grocery stores and big box stores. Also, on Friday a federal judge denied a motion by Philip Morris to halt the ordinance. She concluded that Philip Morris is unlikely to succeed in its claim that the ordinance violates its First Amendment rights. Walgreens has stated that it will appeal Judge Busch's ruling. In the Philip Morris case, there is a hearing scheduled for October 30th on the First Amendment issue.

Healthy San Francisco Wins CSAC Award

Healthy San Francisco received a California State Association of Counties (CSAC) Merit Award in the 2008 Challenge Awards competition (population category 700,001 and above). There were 225 entries -- 10 Challenge Awards, 35 Merit Awards and 3 Innovation Awards.

Joint Commission Returns to SFGH

The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) arrived Monday morning September 8 and stayed through September 12 for the hospital's bi-annual survey.
Out of the 450 separate standards that a hospital can be scored against, SFGH only received nine recommendations for improvement for Acute Care/Ambulatory Care and five for Long Term Care. SFGH received preliminary accreditation from the Joint Commission, with final accreditation awarded once improvement plans have been submitted by the end of October. The Joint Commission surveyors (six total) unanimously concluded that SFGH is a very special place where patient safety, culturally competent care and dedication to our mission meld together, lifting SFGH to be one of the best public hospitals in the country.

Long Term Care Licensing Survey at SFGH

San Francisco General Hospital & Trauma Center also underwent its annual Long Term Care licensing survey from September 8-12. California Department of Public Health (CDPH) surveyors inspected the Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) in the Behavioral Health Center as well as the Medical-Surgical SNF in the Main Hospital. The surveyors recommended several areas for improvement, with the final plan of correction due October 9th. The Life Safety Code inspection occurred on September 26th, with no recommendations for improvement.

San Francisco Board of Supervisors Considers Changes to the City's Noise Ordinance

The Board of Supervisors is considering amendments to the City's noise control ordinance, found in Police Code Art 29 and introduced by Supervisor Tom Ammiano. Enforcement of noise laws is currently a joint responsibility of the Department of Public Health, the Department of Building Inspection, Department of Public Works, the Entertainment Commission, and the Police Department. The amendments would modernize the City's approach to noise control and strengthen coordination among city agencies. The ordinance would update protocols for noise measurement. The level of allowable noise, currently set based on outdated zoning categories, would now be based on background levels and the most sensitive land use in an area. The amendments would also create a new standard for low-frequency noise to help address drum and bass noise from places of entertainment. While enforcement responsibilities of the Department of Public Health would not change, the ordinance would require DPH to: 1) designate a Noise Prevention and Control Officer to coordinate DPH responsibilities; 2) monitor the noise complaint response by all City agencies charged with regulating noise under this Article; and 3) make periodic recommendations to the Planning Commission for noise assessment and prevention in land use planning on environmental review. The ordinance would also establish a City Agency Noise Task Force to create a forum for City departments to discuss noise issues and enforcement, and propose further changes in this ordinance to the Board.

Controlled-Release (CR) Oxycodone Formulary Change

A letter presenting the Department's recent evaluation of a formulary change—done initially for budgetary purposes—was published in the September issue of *Medical Care*. It showed that when Controlled-Release (CR) oxycodone was removed from the formulary, no adverse reactions have been reported due to patients not receiving it. We have replaced CR oxycodone with other pain medications that provide patients with effective pain relief. Given CR oxycodone's higher potential for abuse and lack of greater efficacy, we see no reason for it to be on anyone's formulary.

Former Assistant Director of Communicable Disease Controls Dies

Dr. Selma Dritz, a San Francisco public health physician who tracked the city's earliest AIDS cases at the onset of the long battle against the epidemic died at the age of 91. She was hired as the assistant director of the Bureau of Communicable Disease Control in 1968. In May and early June 1981, she and Dr. Erwin Braff, the director of her bureau, took note of a few cases of an unusual and mysterious form of pneumonia that was killing young men in the city's gay community. Dr. Dritz relayed that information to the federal Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, and it became the first clear data, along with five cases reported days earlier in Los Angeles, of what was to become the AIDS epidemic. Dr. Dritz was an invaluable source of information about the epidemic's progress to her colleagues who were studying the epidemic at UC San Francisco and to the physicians in the community treating AIDS patients.

Hep B Press Conference and B a Hero Gala

On Sept. 18, the CDC announced the release of its new HBV testing and management guidelines at Chinatown Public Health Center. Dr. John Ward, CDC Director of Viral Hepatitis, was joined by

State Assemblywoman Fiona Ma and County Assessor Phil Ting in making the announcement. The new guidelines from the CDC recommend a focus on treatment, education and long-term care of infected patients, rather than on just screening and testing. San Francisco was chosen as the site for the announcement in part because of the effectiveness of the San Francisco Hep B Free campaign—a national model program begun in April 2007. To date, 4,000 people have been vaccinated through Hep B Free campaign.

That same evening San Francisco Hep B Free launched their "B a Hero" public awareness campaign at a gala held at the Chinese Cultural Center in the Chinatown Hilton. The goal of the event, in addition to the launch, was to raise funds, welcome new partners, generate energy for the initiative, and acknowledge key players. Three awards were given out: a corporate award went to Bristol-Myers Squibb (BMS) in recognition of the large unrestricted grant recently approved; a community award went to Chinese Hospital in recognition of their long-standing work in the prevention and treatment of hepatitis B; and an individual award went to Janet Zola in recognition of her effective work in moving this initiative forward. We are fortunate to have the leadership and enthusiasm of Ted Fang behind this highly successful campaign to make San Francisco the first Hep B Free city in the US.

CBHS Receives Department of Justice Grant

Community Behavioral Health Services received a $200,000 two-year grant from the Department of Justice to implement the AIIM (Assess, Identify Needs, Integrate Information, and Match to Services) Higher Program. The award comes under the FY2008 Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program, Category II Implementation and Expansion grant. In collaboration with the San Francisco Juvenile Probation Department, CBHS will implement the AIIM Higher program, designed to more effectively identify youth with mental health needs and link them to appropriate services. AIIM Higher will serve 400 youth with moderate to serious risks and mental health issues, and those detained for more than 72 hours. The program will be administered to youth housed at the San Francisco Juvenile Justice Center and the Log Cabin Ranch.

Sunday Streets

San Francisco hosted two Sunday Streets events—August 31 and September 14—a project of the *Shape Up SF* Physical Activity Council. Over four miles of car-free roadway were opened along our waterfront from Portsmouth Square to the Bayview Opera House. These events were free and open to everyone. Thousands of people, from serious athletes to everyday families, took advantage of this first opportunity to come out and play. Along the route, participants had the opportunity to try various activities. Joggers, pedestrians, and skaters came out to enjoy the beautiful weather. Many parents took advantage of the car-free streets to teach their children how to ride a bike. Helping the Mayor's Office put together this event were *Shape Up San Francisco* (which is staffed by Department of Public Health and Department of Children Youth and Their Families), SF Environment, Municipal Transportation Agency, Recreation and Parks Department; and dozens of community-based organizations and businesses. These first two Sunday Streets were pilot programs and will be evaluated before more Sunday Streets are planned.

RWJF funding

The Southeast Food Access Working Group, a Shape Up SF project and staffed by DPH, was part of a successful grant application to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to evaluate the impact of the Fresh and Easy market that will be opening in the BVHP sometime in 2009. SEFA was funded to conduct Market Watch, a program which trains residents to conduct regular assessments of the local food markets to ensure they are meeting specific standards including healthy options, fresh produce, clean and safe shopping environments, and more.

Goats Return to LHH

A popular annual tradition on the 62-acre campus, 700 Angora and Alpine goats returned to Laguna Honda Hospital on September 14 and grazed their way through the steep hillsides adjacent to the hospital. This is the fourth year that the goats cleared 22 acres of brush and vines, providing an ecologically sustainable service to remove the heavy undergrowth and reduce the fire risk that comes with drier weather. The arrival of the goats is timed every year to coincide with the end of the bird nesting season so that fledglings will have a chance to test their wings before the ground is cleared from underneath them.

State DMH Medi-Cal Oversight Recertification visits

Well-earned recognition goes to seventeen CBHS clinics that were reviewed by John Griffith, California Department of Mental Health Medi-Cal Oversight, to re-certify them to bill for Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health Services. Mr. Griffith summarized his visit by saying, "... these are the best county-run programs...." he has ever reviewed. There were no outstanding issues, and no Plans of Correction. Congratulations go to the Directors and staff of the following clinics for accomplishing a blemish-free certification and to Jim Gilday who coordinated the entire effort:

Mission Family Center	Southeast-Mission Geriatric Services	Southeast Child & Family Therapy Center
Mission MH Team II Outpatient Services	South Of Market Mental Health Services	San Francisco Childrens MH AB3632
Mission MH Team I Outpatient Services	Chinatown Child Development Center	Center for Special Problems
Southeast Child & Family Therapy Center	Sunset Mental Health Center	Central City Older Adults
CBHS Conservatorship	Family Mosaic Project	Mobile Crisis Treatment Team
Child Crisis Services	Foster Care Mental Health Program	

Balboa Teen Health Center, Marcia Zorrilla

Thanks to advocacy efforts by the Balboa Teen Health Center's Youth Advisory Board, minor consent education will be part of the health education curriculum in all SFUSD public high schools beginning fall 2008. With this policy in place, all high school students will learn about their minor consent rights and where to access health care in their communities. The WK Kellogg Foundation interviewed the youth about their advocacy efforts.

STD Unit Launches new STDTest.org website

San Francisco STD officials kicked off the City's newest and what it hopes is a more convenient approach to getting tested for a variety of STDs during a press conference at Gotham Tattoo Parlor on September 24. The enhanced testing system, www.STDTest.org, is a collaboration between the Department's STD Prevention and Control Services and Internet Sexuality Information Services, Inc. (ISIS). A confidential, on-line website, www.STDTest.org helps patients learn which tests are recommended, prepares their lab slip in advance of a lab visit, and provides results online within days of testing, in a safe and private environment. The tattoo parlor is one of seven lab locations available via STDtest.org. The City's latest expansion will ensure that San Francisco residents have better access, greater convenience, and easier choices in personal STD testing for people at risk for syphilis, gonorrhea, chlamydia, HIV and herpes.

Through STDTest.org, individuals print their own lab slips and locate a nearby testing site to provide their samples. Test results then arrive within five to seven days, accessible online by a unique identifier (PIN). HIV test results are delivered on the phone by a trained counselor.

Child Passenger Safety Week

As part of National Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Week, September 20 - 27, the Community Health Education Section's CPS program organized a car seat check event on Saturday, September 20th in the Bayview Plaza. Sponsored jointly with the DHS Foster Parenting Program, this event was an opportunity for the foster parents to have a certified CPS technician check that children are properly secured in car seats, and car seats properly attached in cars. Fifteen cars were checked during the 2-hour event. Additional seat check events are planned. During the week, radio PSAs reminded San Francisco residents of the importance of properly using car safety seats. For information and additional upcoming workshops on child passenger safety call LaNika Preston at 581- 2434.

Immunization Registry Night at AT&T Park

On September 24, the San Francisco Immunization Coalition and the San Francisco Giants continued their five year community partnership by hosting "Immunization Registry Night" at AT&T Park. This event helped promote the continued use of the California Immunization Registry (CAIR) by immunization providers in San Francisco. The program highlighted the advantages of using a population-based immunization registry to track vaccines by improving efficiency, safety, and the efficacy of immunizations. Awards were given to clinics and community partners that have been instrumental in helping bring the immunization registry to San Francisco. The San Francisco Department of Public Health - IT Department received an award for helping create an automated data transfer protocol to transfer immunization data from CAIR to the LCR. Lou-Seal stopped by the event to lend his support for CAIR

Healthcare Executive Regent's Award

Roland Pickens, Senior Administrator for Ambulatory Care and Diagnostics at SFGH has received the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) Senior-Level Healthcare Executive Regent's Award at the Annual Leadership Summit for the Hospital Council of Northern and Central California. Among the many attributes the award recognizes—leadership, innovative and creative management—it also looks at individual contributions in the healthcare profession, leadership in health association activities and participation in civic/community projects. This year's selection committee was particularly impressed by the work that Mr. Pickens did on behalf of the Healthy San Francisco and its goal to expand access to quality, affordable healthcare for residents of San Francisco.

San Francisco General Hospital & Trauma Center September 2008 Credentials Report

	09/08	07/08 to 06/09
New Appointments	41	108
Reinstatements	0	0
Reappointments	43	149
Delinquencies:	0	0
Reappointment Denials:	0	0
Resigned/Retired:	17	72
Disciplinary Actions	0	0

Restriction/Limitation-Privileges	0	0
Deceased	0	0
Changes in Privileges		
Additions	2	9
Voluntary Relinquishments	1	11
Proctorship Completed	14	34
Proctorship Extension	0	0
Current Statistics – as of 09/01/08		
Active Staff	500	
Courtesy Staff	547	
Affiliate Professionals (non-physicians)	226	
TOTAL MEMBERS	1,273	
Applications In Process		64
Applications Withdrawn Month of August 2008		0
SFGH Reappointments in Process 09/2008 to 01/2009		248

LHH Credentials Year-to-Date Report, 7/1/2008 to 09/08/2008

New Appointments	0
Reinstatements	0
Withdrawal	0
Reappointments	4
Delinquencies:	0
Reappointment Denials:	0
Resigned/Retired	1
Disciplinary Actions	0
Restriction/Limitation of Privileges	0
Changes in Privileges	0
Additions	0
Voluntary Relinquishments	0

Commissioners' Comments

- Commissioner Waters asked that a future Director's Report include information about Barbara Garcia's diversity training. The Health Director should go through the program, if he has not done so already,

- Commissioner Chow asked for an update on the issue of ambulance service in San Francisco. Dr. Katz said San Francisco has had a closed system since 1981. The State EMS Agency has ruled that San Francisco has changed the manner and scope of its services, and therefore cannot continue to be grandfathered in. As of now, San Francisco can continue as

an open system or bid the system out and be a closed system. After discussions with the Mayor's Office and City Attorney's Office the decision was made for being an open system.

- Commissioner Sako asked what impact the change would have on the Fire Department. Dr. Katz anticipates minimal change. To assume a major difference you would have to assume that a different private provider will be able to identify an economic advantage that the two current providers have been unable to identify.

- Commissioner Waters asked how accountability, quality and competency will be maintained under the new system. Dr. Katz said through licensure review, quality improvement programs that ambulance providers are required to have, and also through existing reporting requirements.

5) HEALTH IMPACT OF STATE AND LOCAL BALLOT PROPOSITIONS

Commissioner Illig said that while commissions are prohibited from taking positions on measures or candidates that are before the voters, it is in the Health Commission's purview to be presented with the health impacts of ballot propositions. He asked Jim Soos, Deputy Director of Policy and Planning, to present this analysis today. Mr. Soos presented twelve propositions: three State propositions (Proposition 3, Proposition 4 and Proposition 5), five local propositions that have health-related components (Proposition A, Proposition B, Proposition K, Proposition L and Proposition T) and four local propositions that have local revenue implications that could affect DPH's budget (Proposition N, Proposition O, Proposition Q and Proposition S).

Public Comment

Heather Weigand, No on K Committee, spoke against Proposition K and detailed the health impacts of prostitution. She submitted written testimony, which is on file in the Health Commission Office.

6) UPDATE ON THE ST. LUKE'S BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Commissioner Chow, who was a member of the Blue Ribbon Panel, provided background to the Blue Ribbon Panel's work and decision making process. Dr. Steve Shortell, Dean of School of Public Health at UC Berkeley and chair of the Blue Ribbon Panel, summarized the first four recommendations. Rt. Reverend Marc Andrus, Bishop, California Episcopal Diocese and vice-chair of the panel, presented the remainder of the recommendations.

Martin Brotman, M.D., CEO and President of CPMC, said that CPMC's Board of Directors voted to approve the main recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Panel. The new St. Luke's Hospital will be a state of the art facility delivering the finest in primary and secondary care. CPMC will develop ambulatory facilities South of Market as well. The rest of CMPC, including Cathedral Hill, will ensure that everyone South of Market will have access to tertiary care as well. The rest of CPMC's plan is the economic engine for the survival of St. Luke's.

Public Comment

- Catherine Dodd, Deputy Chief of Staff for Mayor Newsom, expressed gratitude to the Blue Ribbon Panel, Dr. Brotman and the leadership of CPMC. She thanked community leaders who spent hours in listening sessions. She expressed the Mayor's pride that the diverse committee was able to reach consensus, with no dissenters, and she congratulated all who participated.

- Catherine Stefani, Legislative Aide to Supervisor Alito-Pier, praised CPMC for engaging in a process that will ultimately save St. Luke's Hospital. Supervisor Alioto-Pier believes that CPMC is listening and will continue to do so throughout the entire institutional master plan process.

- Dr. Jerry Franz, Chief of Staff at St. Luke's Hospital, represents the medical staff and Medical Executive Committee, which strongly endorsed the recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Panel.

- Dr. Bonita Palmer spoke in support of the Blue Ribbon Panel recommendations, and urged CMPC to continue to work with St. Luke's doctors and staff. She submitted written testimony, which is on file in the Health Commission Office.

- Dr. Laura Norrell, member of the Blue Ribbon Panel, said the community is very pleased and excited about the panel's recommendation and that the CPMC board approved the recommendation.

- Nato Green, California Nurses Association, is pleased with the process and the transparency, and supports the recommendation of the Blue Ribbon Panel with three caveats: 1) that there is the same collaboration around the rest of CPMC's IMP; 2) a fair contract for nurses; 3) further discussion on the size of St. Luke's Hospital.

- Greg Cross, SEIU 1021, spoke in support of the Blue Ribbon Panel's recommendations, and defer to the wisdom of the staff that work at St. Luke's. Their input is essential.

- Paul Kumar, UHW, thanked the Health Commission for its active engagement in the issues around St. Luke's and thanked CPMC's leadership for being willing to open up CPMC's planning process to active engagement.

- Mary Michelucci, St. Luke's nurse, is pleased that St. Luke's has a viable future. However the nurses at St. Luke's hospital and at the CPMC campus have been without a contract for 16 months.

Commissioner Comments/Next Steps

- Commissioner Melara thanked the panel for its work. She asked the timeline for rebuilding St. Luke's. Dr. Brotman said the moment they have entitlements they will begin to build. The entire Institutional Master Plan will be ready by the end of the year.

- Commissioners thanked CPMC for its spirit of community and commitment to St. Luke's Hospital. Commissioners look forward to seeing the institutional master plan.

- Commissioner Illig asked Dr. Brotman if CPMC intends to continue the open dialogue. Dr. Brotman said he would welcome the thoughts of the community for future planning.

Action Taken: The Commission (Chow, Illig, Sako, Sanchez, Tierney, Waters) approved Resolution 17-08, "Endorsing the Findings of the Blue Ribbon Committee for the Rebuilding of St. Luke's Hospital," (Attachment A).

7) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Commissioner Tierney updated the Commission on the Finance Committee meeting. The Finance Committee discussed the following:

- Approved the October 2008 Contracts Report.
- Approved a contract for A Better Way
- Reviewed DPH's behavioral health services
- Accepted a report from the Controller's Office
- Discussed the budget principles

Action Taken: The Commission (Chow, Illig, Sako, Sanchez, Tierney, Waters) approved the Finance Committee report and all actions taken by the Committee. Commissioner Illig noted that he was not at the meeting at the time the October 2008 Contracts Report so did not voted on the contract with Shanti, which has a subcontract with Project Open Hand.

8) CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTING BUDGET PRINCIPLES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Commissioner Tierney said the Finance Committee discussed the budget principles and heard comments from members of the public. The Commission wants to continue to maintain the integrity of providing services to the must vulnerable populations. The Committee had a couple of specific edits. The Commission's planning committee will discuss the implementation phase of the budget principles at its next meetings.

The Commission deferred action on the principles to the October 21, 2008 Health Commission meeting. They will be discussed first at the Citywide Health Planning and Effectiveness Committee.

Public Comment

Greg Cross, Local 1021, supports the proposed changes to the budget principles that were made at the Finance Committee meeting.

9) INFECTIOUS DISEASE PREVENTION OUTREACH PROJECT UPDATE

Dr. Susan Fernyak said the new "Infect Me Not" campaign will be kicked off tomorrow. This came about through the planning that has been going on with pandemic flu. The Commissioners received a packet of information about the eight healthy habits the Department will be promoting over the next several months during flu season.

10) OTHER BUSINESS

None.

11) COMMISSIONER REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

12) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Michele M. Seaton
Health Commission Executive Secretary

Attachments: (1)

HEALTH COMMISSION
City and County of San Francisco
Resolution No. 17-08

ENDORSING THE FINDINGS OF THE BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE FOR THE REBUILDING OF ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL

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HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING

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Tuesday, October 21, 2008
At
4:00 p.m.
101 GROVE STREET, ROOM 300 or ROOM 302
San Francisco, CA 94102

1) **CALL TO ORDER**

2) **PROPOSED ACTION:** **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF OCTOBER 7, 2008**
**Minutes of the meeting of October 7, 2008*

3) **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT****

4) **FOR DISCUSSION:** **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
(Mitchell H. Katz, M.D., Director of Health)
(Report on activities and operations of the Department)
**Director's Report*

5) **PRESENTATION OF EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARDS**
** List of Awardees*

7) **FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:** **CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTING BUDGET PRINCIPLES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**
(Mitchell H. Katz, M.D., Health Director)
**Budget Principles, Resolution*

8) **FOR DISCUSSION:** **DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES PRESENTATION ON SUCCESSION PLANNING**
(Micki Callahan, Director, Department of Human Resources)

9) **FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:** **UPDATE OF THE HEALTH CARE ACCOUNTABILITY ORDINANCE MINIMUM STANDARDS**
(Francis Culp, Office of Policy and Planning)
**Minimum Standards*

10) **FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:** **CITYWIDE HEALTH PLANNING AND EFFECTIVENESS COMMITTEE REPORT**
(Sonia Melara, Committee Chair)
**CHPEC Packet*

11) **FOR DISCUSSION:** **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH ANNUAL REPORT**
(Anne Kronenberg, Director, Office of Policy and Planning)
**Annual Report*

12) **OTHER BUSINESS*****

13) **COMMISSIONER REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

14) **ADJOURNMENT**

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MINUTES

HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, October 21, 2008
At
4:00 p.m.
101 GROVE STREET, ROOM 300 or ROOM 302
San Francisco, CA 94102

1) CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Illig called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

Present: Commissioner James M. Illig, President
Commissioner Sonia E. Melara, MSW, Vice President
Commissioner Edward A. Chow, M.D.
Commissioner Margine A. Sako
Commissioner David J. Sanchez, Jr., Ph.D
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2) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF OCTOBER 7, 2008

Action Taken: The Commission approved the minutes of the October 7, 2008 Health Commission meeting.

3) GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

4) DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mitchell H. Katz, M.D., presented the Director's Report.

DPH Items at the Board of Supervisors
During the week of October 20, the Land Use & Economic Development Committee meets on Monday and again for a special meeting on Wednesday, the full Board of Supervisors meets on Tuesday, the Budget & Finance Committee meets on Wednesday, and a special meeting of the Rules Committee meets on Thursday. The report detailed the legislation that was being considered by the Board and its committees.

Healthy SF Part of KQED *Health Dialogues* Segment on Universal Health Care
On October 23rd at 8:00 pm, KQED Public Radio, 88.5 FM, will air a segment on Healthy San Francisco. The show is part of KQED's October *Health Dialogues* program. The October program takes a look at universal health care, from the federal level (the health platforms of Obama and McCain) to the state level (what's happening with the California's plans for health coverage) to local initiatives to cover people in the absence of a state or federal plan, such as Healthy San Francisco and the Santa Clara Family Health Plan.

Earlier this month *Health Dialogues* host, Scott Shafer, went to Silver Avenue Health Center and interviewed Primary Care Medical Director Michael Drennan, MD, Center Director Marie Palazuelos, MD, Podiatrist William Tarran, DPM and several new HSF participants. *Health Dialogues* airs on 17 public radio stations around California. You can read more about Health Dialogues by going to: http://www.kqed.org/radio/programs/healthdialogues/.

Update on Tobacco Sales Ban in Pharmacies
As the Commission is aware, beginning October 1st, San Francisco became the first locality in the United States to prohibit the sale of tobacco at pharmacies. Walgreen's filed suit against the City, asking for the court to halt the ban. The court ruled in the City's favor. The tobacco company Philip-Morris also filed suit against us and the hearing is set for November 6, 2008. Meanwhile, the California Medical Association (CMA) passed a resolution in support of banning tobacco sales in pharmacies. Also, the attached article appeared as a commentary in the *Journal of the American Medical Association.* Dr. Katz said that with Commissioner Chow's help the CMA adopted a resolution supporting the city's ban on sales of tobacco in pharmacies.

Diversity Training
On September 12th, over 35 Section Directors, supervisors and leaders within the Community Programs' Department, along with Commissioner Catherine Waters, met and participated in a 6-hour workshop addressing race and racism. The workshop, developed by the African American Health Initiative and the Health Education Training Center, was highly recommended to participants in the Health Equity Leadership Group, chaired by Barbara Garcia Through a series of lectures, exercises and discussions, participants arrive at a definition of race, interpersonal racism and "institutional" racism; identify how racism is structured into governmental and other regulations, policies and practices; review the literature that describes differential health and medical treatment and outcomes by "race'" and identify what we can do to reduce or eliminate interpersonal and structural racism. The lead trainer, Gene N. Ramos, formerly of the DPH award winning WEDGE program, presented an informative, highly participative workshop. The workshop was well received by the participants and many stated that this training opportunity should be expanded, given the importance of race and racism in health outcomes.

The *Understanding the Impact of Race and Racism on Health Disparities and Health Inequities* workshop is offered to supervisors, managers and other Public Health leaders through the HETC. Upcoming classes will be posted on the HETC website, http://dphnet/Training/HE11st.htm. For more information on the Health Equity Leadership Group, contact Jenny Chacon, 255-3509 or jenny.chacon@sfdph.org.

Walk to School Day

The Department of Public Health (DPH) and the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) worked with over 20 San Francisco schools to celebrate *Walk to School Day* on October 8th, an event designed to promote health, safety and concern for the environment.

Walk to School Day is an annual global celebration that gives children, parents, teachers, administrators and community members an opportunity to make their communities safer and more pleasant for walking. The focus of these activities are to reduce the confusion at school drop-off and pick-up zones, increase awareness of pedestrian safety and encourage more physically active, alert and healthy students.

The largest events took place at Alamo, Jefferson, John Muir, Longfellow, Marshall, and Sunset Elementary Schools. DPH and MTA gave all participating schools items such as posters, brochures, giveaways for schoolchildren and made arrangements for volunteers and traffic enforcement the day of the event.

"Infect Me Not" Campaign

At the last Health Commission meeting, Dr. Susan Fernyak presented the Department's new prevention campaign, "Infect Me Not," designed to keep San Franciscans well by introducing healthy habits that prevent the spread of common infectious diseases." The following day, October 8th, Dr. Fernyak and I launched the "Infect Me Not" city-wide campaign on the steps of City Hall, followed by band performances from winners of the "healthy habits" song competition, hand washing demonstrations, and unveiling of campaign ads and materials. The campaign was developed in response to public concerns articulated in focus groups. Participants said they felt "threatened" by germs spread by co-workers, friends, and people in public places. They wished people made a greater effort to "keep their germs to themselves." The rally cry "Infect Me Not" echoes these concerns.

The "Infect Me Not" campaign aims both to educate the public about germs and infectious diseases and to encourage habits that protect people from avoidable disease. Fortunately, many of the most common infectious diseases, such as a cold or the flu, can be avoided by practicing healthy habits that reduce the transmission of germs. Clever public transportation ads, songs, videos, and educational materials contain these messages. Materials include a "Germs" brochure with disease transmission information, as well as a Flu Home Care Guide that provides detailed guidance on how to care for someone at home with the flu. To reach the San Francisco general public and special populations, a series of public service advertisements (PSAs) have been launched on BART, MUNI, radio, newspaper, and other media. Materials are being shared with partner organizations and at street fairs, community meetings, health care clinics, trainings, and other venues throughout the city. Visit www.InfectMeNot.org to learn more about the campaign and preview the materials.

We believe that the "Infect Me Not" message is well-aligned with the Health Commission's emphasis on prevention and will be a highly visible and successful campaign that will be seen and enjoyed throughout the City over the next several months.

Asthma Task Force Offers Trainings

The Asthma Task Force has had excellent response to three recent training sessions; two hosted by the Environmental Committee on creating healthy housing and one continuing education event hosted by the Clinical Committee with support from Kaiser Permanente SF. Highlights of the sessions follow.

· Twenty-seven property managers, affordable housing developers, and City housing-related workers enrolled in the Sept. 23rd "Healthy Homes, Energy Savings and Building Sustainability" training produced with SFDPH and LaCroix Davis LLC, where participants learned about healthy homes concepts, building envelope defects and moisture infiltration, mold remediation, home ventilation, home furnace performance testing and infrared camera investigations.

· Fifty health professionals, code enforcement and housing rights workers who interact with patients or clients with substandard housing conditions enrolled in the Oct. 16-17 "Essentials for Healthy Homes Practitioners" course, produced with SFDPH, Alameda County Lead Poisoning Prevention, the Regional Asthma Management and Prevention Initiative (RAMP) and Breathe CA. The course introduced participants to the seven concepts of healthy homes developed and illustrated by the National Center for Healthy Housing.

· Sixty-one health professionals from systems of care citywide attended, and heard expert presentations on: Evaluation of Cough in Adults (George Su, MD, UCSF); Update on Treatment of Nicotine Addiction (Neal Benowitz, MD, UCSF): Making a Difference for People with Sleep Apnea (Christine Garvey, Seton Medical Center); Asthma Medication Updates (Manisha Newaskar, MD, Children's Hospital and Research Center at Oakland) and Working with Complex Cases (Peg Strub, MD, Kaiser Permanente, San Francisco).

Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week, October 19-25

The Childhood Lead Prevention Program is offering free educational classes for parents and consultation for contractors to celebrate National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week, October 19-25. The theme of this year's Prevention Week is, "Let's Wipe out Lead Poisoning: Renovate Right!" Classes for parents are scheduled for the Asian Women's Resource Center, 940 Washington Street, San Francisco, October 20 and 21, from 10 a.m. to noon.

There are new California and federal rules that contractors must follow if they demolish, remodel or paint pre-1978 buildings. The new state law went into effect on April 30, 2008 and applies to everyone including contractors, painters, homeowners, renters and maintenance staff. Contractors can bypass the state law by having paint tested and proved not to be lead-based.

The new federal regulations are effective March 31, 2010. Other than requiring "lead safe" work practices for remodeling, renovation, and painting activities, the US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) will require that at least one contractor working on a pre-1978 residential building or child-care facility become "lead safe certified." Contractors must renew their certification every five years by completing a four-hour refresher course.

Today, childhood lead poisoning is considered to be the most preventable environmental disease of young children. A simple blood test can prevent a lifetime spoiled by the irreversible damage caused by lead poisoning.

STD Update: Early Syphilis on the Rise

In September, 80 early syphilis cases were reported in San Francisco, the largest single month's report of syphilis morbidity in SF history. As of August 2008, syphilis cases had increased 54% compared to the same time last year and we are estimating that the total number of cases for the year will exceed 500 cases, putting us back to the rates we were seeing during 2003 and 2004. Cases are increasing among both MSM and heterosexuals. No specific risk factors have been identified yet for MSM cases, except for anecdotal stories about the increased use of Methamphetamine. Cases among heterosexuals seem connected to the Tenderloin/South of Market areas and some preliminary risk factors are female gender, crack use, sex for drugs/money, homelessness and incarceration in county jails.

As always, we are strongly recommending that health care providers examine, screen and test patients for syphilis frequently. Our recommendations include screening HIV infected MSM for syphilis with every CD4 count or viral load test and non-monogamous MSM every 3-6 months, regardless of HIV status. We are also reminding providers to prophylactically treat anyone reporting possible syphilis exposure in the past 90 days to prevent infection.

DPH Working With Bicycle Coalition on Treasure Island Plan

Treasure Island's redevelopment gives San Francisco the chance to build a model community that assigns a high priority to biking and walking. The Department's Occupational and Environmental Health Division has teamed up with the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition to create a Community Based Transportation Plan for a Walkable and Bikeable Treasure Island. Over the past year both agencies have conducted outreach to the community, researched best practices from around the world and through experts and are currently hosting a series of community workshops to gather input on the current proposals.

We believe that creating sustainable communities, of which biking and walking are integral parts, provides people with better options for maintaining healthier lifestyles. For more information on these upcoming workshops scheduled for Oct 22 and 23, go to www.sfbike.org/treasureisland.

NYT Applauds San Francisco City Clinic

The October 3 issue of the *New York Times* featured the following observation about the STD Section's website in its Science Times /Decoding Your Health Section. Here is the link to the entire article.
http://www.nytimes.com/2008/09/29/health/30exploring.html?sq=jascha%20hoffman&st=cse&adxnnl=1&scp=1&adxnnlx=1222808400-mbUhBKUZc4P5ffCHOkeGIA

San Francisco General Hospital & Trauma Center October 2008 Credentials Report

	10/08	07/08 to 06/09
New Appointments	16	124
Reinstatements	0	1
Reappointments	40	189
Delinquencies:	0	0
Reappointment Denials:	0	0
Resigned/Retired:	18	89
Disciplinary Actions	0	0

Restriction/Limitation-Privileges	0	0
Deceased	0	0
Changes in Privileges		
Additions	26	36
Voluntary Relinquishments	3	16
Proctorship Completed	15	49
Proctorship Extension	0	0
Current Statistics – as of 09/01/08		
Active Staff	506	
Courtesy Staff	557	
Affiliate Professionals (non-physicians)	233	
TOTAL MEMBERS	1,296	
Applications In Process		49
Applications Withdrawn Month of August 2008		0
SFGH Reappointments in Process 10/2008 to 02/2009		231

Comments/Next Steps

- Commissioner Illig asked about the increase in syphilis. Dr. Katz said this is a real increase. Syphilis is a cyclical disease, and no one has ever been able to eliminate the reservoir of the disease. DPH is not 100% sure if one factor is the cause of the increase. They have asked both the state and federal government for additional resources because we would like to be doing more tracking. It may get worse before it gets better. Commissioner Illig asked if other cities are experiencing an increase. Commissioner Tierney said that major cities throughout the country are showing a similar increase.

5) PRESENTATION OF EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARDS

Commissioner Illig presented the employee recognition awards.

Individual Award	Division	Nominated By
Robert Dean Goodwin Administrative Analyst	HIV Health Services	Michelle Long and Bill Blum

Individual Award	Division	Nominated By
Gary Scherer, MA, MFT CBHS Placement Team	CBHS	The entire staff of Mission Mental Health

Team Award	Division	Nominated By
HSF Design, Development and Implementation Teams	Various	Tangerine Brigham

- Central Administration
- Community Behavioral Health Services
- Community Oriented Primary Care
- Eligibility and Enrollment Unit; Patient Financial Services
- Finance
- Human Resources
- Information Technology
- July Debut
- New Patient Appointment Unit
- One-e-App
- Point-of-Service
- San Francisco General Hospital

7) CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTING BUDGET PRINCIPLES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Commissioner Tierney said the Finance Committee and the citywide planning committee held discussions, which were well attended by staff and members of the public, about the proposed budget principles. The principles include more language about the importance of our partnerships. Commissioner Tierney said the important work is to make sure that during discussions about mid-years and next year's budget discussion, the Commission is clear about what the priorities are and what process exists to make sure that partners are included in the preparation of all the budgets that move forward. Commissioner Tierney said that the Citywide Health Planning and Effectiveness Committee, at its meeting earlier in the day, amended the principles to remove the strategies that were included in italics for Principle #8 and Principle #10. Implementation strategies will be developed at subsequent meetings.

Action Taken: The Commission approved the budget principles via Resolution # 18-08, "Approving Principles to Guide Development of Public Health's Budget for Fiscal Year 2009-2010," (Attachment A).

Comments/Follow Up

- Commissioner Illig asked that the principles be sent to the Mayor's Office and the Mayor's Budget Director with a letter from the Commission.

8) DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES PRESENTATION ON SUCCESSION PLANNING

Micki Callahan, Director of the Department of Human Resources, gave an overview of succession planning as it relates to executives in departments throughout the city. The goal of succession planning is to have the right skills in the right place at the right time to deliver services. DHR is talking to departments about succession planning in the hopes that Departments will include this topic in their strategic plans. Donna Kotake, Director of Workforce Development, overviewed a model for succession planning. Succession planning is a long-term investment, not just about the replacement of employees who leave.

Comments/Follow Up

- Commissioner Tierney asked if there are resources available to do clinical training. Ms. Kotake said she could meet with CBHS, understand their needs and see what DHR resources are available.

- Commissioner Illig said he is aware of the depth of knowledge with back up for Dr. Katz on the service side, but not on the public health side. Dr. Katz said that in his absence Anne Kronenberg is the Acting Director and Tomas Aragon is the Acting Health Officer. Dr. Katz said the department is rich in its depth of legally designated deputy health officers..

- Dr. Katz said he was not prepared for the intense reaction he received from employees when he began to talk about the possibility of leaving, even though he had not identified a date. On one hand it is desirable to be able to discuss these issues openly, but it is also very destabilizing, and what is the best balance. Ms. Callahan said part of DHR's job is to get these discussions going so that people getting used to talking about succession planning, and getting people talking about redundancies and knowledge transfer. This can make the thought of someone leaving less frightening. Dr. Katz said that outside consultants have been critical of the Health Department's practice of promoting from within, even though this has served the department effectively. This raises the question about how much the Commission and others should look externally, and how this is balanced with the desire to mentor someone internally. Ms. Callahan said this is a challenge, particularly in a civil service system, and DHR is looking at this. It is important to have discussions about what you want in terms of executive leadership in the future, determine the profile and assets of the desired leader and see if this is more amenable to an external search. There is no general approach—must perform a case-by-case analysis. If the Commission is really interested in promoting an internal candidate, she would advise against doing an external search just to make the search look good and/or more thorough.

- Commissioner Illig is going to schedule a closed session in January to discuss Dr. Katz evaluation, aligned with the Mayor's new policy around department head evaluation.

9) UPDATE OF THE HEALTH CARE ACCOUNTABILITY ORDINANCE MINIMUM STANDARDS AND CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINIMUM STANDARDS

Secretary's Note – This item was heard directly after Item 8.

Frances Culp, Office of Policy and Planning, presented an overview of the Health Care Accountability Ordinance and the proposed revision to the minimum standards. The HCAO ordinance requires that minimum standards be reviewed every two years, and they were last reviewed in 2004. The Health Commission has complete authority over the minimum standards. The Board of Supervisors must approve changes to the employer fee. The Office of Policy and Planning convened a work group to review and revise the Minimum Standards and the employer fee. Approximately 14 organizations were represented on the work group, which met six times from July to September.

The proposed revisions to the Minimum Standards are:

2008 MINIMUM STANDARDS - FOR HEALTH PLAN BENEFITS: EFFECTIVE NOV. 1, 2008

Minimum Standards Requirement	2004 Standards	2008 Standards (*Revisions*)
Type of Plan Required	*HMO*	HMO
Employee Premium Contribution	Not allowed. Employer pays full premium.	Not allowed. Employer pays full premium.
Annual Out-of-Pocket (OOP) Maximum	$2,500	$3,500 maximum, including any prescription drug deductible.
Prescription Drug Deductible	Not allowed.	Allowed. Maximum amount not specified, but must not exceed $3,500 when added to the OOP maximum.
Regular Deductible	Not allowed.	Not allowed.
Copayments for Office Visits	$15 (Closed Panel HMO) $20 (All other HMO models)	$30 maximum for all HMO plans.
Services: • *Office visits* • *Physician services* • *Hospital inpatient* • *Prescription drugs* • *Outpatient services and procedures* • *Diagnostic services (x-ray, labs, etc.)* • *Perinatal and maternity care* • *Emergency room and ambulance* • *Mental health services, outpatient and inpatient* • *Alcohol and substance abuse care, outpatient and inpatient detox* • *Rehabilitative therapies, outpatient and inpatient* • *Home health services* • *Durable medical equipment* • *Hospice care* • *Skilled nursing services*	Plan must include these services, but copayment amount is not specified.	Plan must include these services, but copayment amount is not specified.

It is also proposed to increase the employer fee from $2/hour to $2.80/hour, with a maximum of $112 weekly. This adjustment will place the employer fee more in line with health insurance.

HCAO Unresolved Issues/Solutions

- Issue: Option 3 – impossible for DPH to create a small number of HCAO uninsured workers. Solution: Healthy San Francisco coverage for the uninsured.
- Issue: very part-time workers – there is no insurance plan that will cover those who work less than 20 hours/week. Solution: revise definition of covered worker from 15 hours or more to 20 hours or more per week.

Comments/Follow Up

- Commissioner Tierney asked staff to look at whether the Mental Health Parity Act requires that co-pays for mental health and substance abuse services be the same as co-pays for other services.

- Commissioner Melara asked if private businesses were involved in the work group. Ms. Culp said they had been involved in the past. She requested participation this year, but none served on the work group.

- Commissioner Sako asked why pharmaceuticals do not have a co-pay, but instead a prescription drug deductible. Ms. Culp said there is a co-pay for prescription drugs, and prescription drug deductible are getting more common, particularly with brand name drugs.

- Commissioner Chow would like to see a stated maximum for a prescription drug deductible. This is one of the areas where people are most impacted out of pocket. Ms. Kronenberg said that they were trying to keep the standards as flexible as possible. No insurance product has a prescription drug deductible that is higher than $250. However they could add a maximum for prescription drug deductibles.

Public Comment

Debbi Lerman conveyed HSN's support for the minimum standards. HSN's member organizations are negotiating insurance for next year right now, so please approve the standards today. She asked the Health Commission to consider in the future the issue of premium cost sharing and coverage for dependents, and the issue of removing temporary workers from HCAO and instead including them under the Healthy San Francisco Ordinance. She submitted written testimony, which is on file in the Health Commission Office.

Alice Rogoff, Living Wage Coalition, supports a maximum amount for the prescription drug deductible.

Comments/Follow Up (Continued)

- Commissioner Chow said that with the assurance from staff that no plan currently has a prescription drug deductible that is higher than $250, he has no objection to passing the resolution as currently proposed. He asked that staff monitor this issue closely.

- Commissioner Illig supports DPH evaluating HSN's recommendation about premium cost-sharing in exchange for dependent coverage. Ms. Kronenberg said they will look at this the next time the standards are revised. Commissioner Illig said staff should monitor and evaluate

on the following three issues, and report back to the Commission: drug deductible; dependent coverage; and salary tiers.

Action Taken: Commission approved Resolution #19-08, "Amending the Minimum Standards and Supporting Other Modifications to the Healthcare Accountability Ordinance," (Attachment B).

10) CITYWIDE HEALTH PLANNING AND EFFECTIVENESS COMMITTEE REPORT

Commissioner Melara, Committee Chair, said that the committee discussed and approved the budget principles, then had a detailed and informative presentation from Liz Gray, Long Term Care Director, about the Department's long term care services. The co-chairs of the City's Long Term Care Coordinating Council attended the meeting and gave testimony. The committee received an update from Anne Kronenberg on Community Benefits Partnership activities, including the work they are doing on asset mapping. The committee agreed to Commissioner Sako's request to have a year-long discussion about the efforts to place clients in the most appropriate and least restrictive level of care, and this will be a standing agenda item at future meeting.

Commissioner Melara added that the committees will be rescheduled during the month of November, and the Finance Committee will be November 18 and the Citywide Planning Committee will meet on November 4th.

11) DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH ANNUAL REPORT

Anne Kronenberg, Director, Office of Policy and Planning, presented that Annual Report. The report covers who is served by the Department, highlights DPH stars and discusses the strategic plan in the context of the work of the Community Benefits Partnership. She noted that there are two new chapters: Local Market Assessment, to reflect the Lewin Group analysis that was done last year; and a Cultural Competency chapter. For next year's report, best practice contractors that are highlighted through the Commission's Finance Committee could be included. Ms. Kronenberg highlighted initiatives in the following areas: Healthy San Francisco; Local Market Assessment; Advancing Cultural Competency; Improve Access to Care; Prevent Chronic Disease and Increase Wellness; Reduce the Incidence of Communicable Disease; and the FY 2007-2008 Budget.

Comments/Follow Up

- The Commission thanked Ms. Kronenberg for the report and accepted the report. The report will be sent to the Mayor, members of the Board of Supervisors and other city officials with a cover letter from President Illig.

12) OTHER BUSINESS

None.

13) COMMISSIONER REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Chow attended an Asian Alliance Against Domestic Violence event for the unveiling of two powerful presentations, one on date rape and another on the abuse of young children in the

Asian community. He noted the absence of DPH's involvement in this event and he wants to make sure that the organization's video products are connected to the Health Department.

14) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

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Michele M. Seaton
Health Commission Executive Secretary

Attachments: (2)

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HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, November 4, 2008
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1) **CALL TO ORDER**

2) **PROPOSED ACTION:** **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF OCTOBER 21, 2008**
**Minutes of the meeting of October 21, 2008*

3) **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT****

4) **FOR DISCUSSION:** **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
(Mitchell H. Katz, M.D., Director of Health)
(Report on activities and operations of the Department)
**Director's Report*

5) **FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:** **PRESENTATION OF THE MAYOR'S MID-YEAR BUDGET REDUCTION TARGETS AND THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S PLAN FOR MEETING THE TARGET**
(Mitchell H. Katz, M.D., Health Director)
**Mayor's Memo*

6) **FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:** **UPDATE ON NON-PROFIT CONTRACTING**
(Anne Okubo, Deputy Finance Director)
**Update Memo*

7) **FOR DISCUSSION:** **UPDATE ON PANDEMIC FLU PREPARATION**
(Susan Fernyak, M.D., Director, Community Disease Control and Prevention)
**Information Packet*

8) **FOR DISCUSSION:** **DISCUSSION OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION'S TEMPORARY PROCEDURES FOR THE COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE PLANNING ORDINANCE (PROPOSITION Q).**
(The Health Commission will consider amendments to these procedures at its November 18, 2008 meeting)
**Procedures*

9) **CLOSED SESSION**

A) Public Comments on All Matters Pertaining to the Closed Session

B) Vote on Whether to Hold a Closed Session (San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.11)

C) Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 and San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.10(d)

APPROVAL OF A SETTLEMENT OF APARICIO V. CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO, SAN FRANCISCO SUPERIOR COURT CASE NO. 468383.

D) Reconvene in Open Session

1. Possible Report on Action Taken in Closed Session (Government Code Section 54957.1(a)2 and San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(b)(2).)

2. Vote to Elect Whether to Disclose Any or All Discussions Held in Closed Session. (San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(a).) (Action Item)

10) **CLOSED SESSION**

A) Public Comments on All Matters Pertaining to the Closed Session

B) Vote on Whether to Hold a Closed Session (San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.11)

C) Closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 and San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.10(b)

PERSONNEL DISCUSSION: HEALTH DIRECTOR AND HEALTH COMMISSION EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

D) Reconvene in Open Session

1. Possible Report on Action Taken in Closed Session (Government Code Section 54957.1(a)2 and San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(b)(2).)

3. Vote to Elect Whether to Disclose Any or All Discussions Held in Closed Session. (San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(a).) (Action Item)

11) OTHER BUSINESS***

12) COMMISSIONER REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

13) ADJOURNMENT

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1) CALL TO ORDER

President Illig called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

Present: Commissioner James M. Illig, President
Commissioner Sonia E. Melara, MSW, Vice President
Commissioner Edward A. Chow, M.D.
Commissioner Margine A. Sako
Commissioner David J. Sanchez, Jr., Ph.D
Commissioner Catherine M. Waters, R.N., Ph.D. – arrived at 4:15 p.m.

Absent: Commissioner Steven Tierney, Ed.D. (notified absence)

2) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF OCTOBER 21, 2008

Action Taken: The Commission (Chow, Illig, Melara, Sako, Sanchez) approved the minutes of the October 21, 2008 Health Commission meeting.

3) GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

4) DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mitchell H. Katz, M.D., Director of Health, presented highlights from the Director's Report.

DPH Items at the Board of Supervisors
During the week of November 3, the Government Audit & Oversight Committee meets on Monday, the full Board of Supervisors meets on Tuesday, the Budget & Finance Committee and the Land Use & Economic Development Committee meet on Wednesday. The Rules, City Operations & Neighborhood Services, and City & School District committee meetings are cancelled. The report detailed the resolutions and hearings that are being considered.

Mayor's Budget Office Directive to Submit Mid Year Cuts
On October 29, Departments were given mid year reduction targets to address an estimated $75 million citywide shortfall in projected revenues. Proposals to meet the targets must be submitted by Friday, November 7. The targets address a projected shortfall in revenues only and do not consider any potential deficit (or revenue) increase due to the outcome of the November ballot, or any additional state cuts. For that reason, the City is also any freezing one-time spending in order to account for the possibility of additional shortfalls.

The revenue weakness is expected to continue into the 2009-10 budget year. Therefore the mid year reductions must be ongoing reductions as opposed to one-time savings and should come from eliminating items such as:

- Programs that have not started or are in progress;
- Positions that are vacant or filled;
- Reductions in operating costs, or
- Reductions in contracts or programs.

We have been advised that the target for the Health Department is a $26.7 million reduction in budgeted General Fund. This is a proportional share of a $75 million total reduction. We are working with the Mayor's Budget Office, the Controller and our senior leadership to develop a reduction plan.

In addition to this reduction, we must also address projected overspending for the current year. Our salary projections indicate that personnel costs at our hospitals will exceed budget by $15 million. $10 million of this is due to structural expenses that we incurred last year, (for which supplemental appropriations were required), identified in the budget process this year but were not funded. Additional expenses are associated with a higher than budgeted census at SFGH. We are developing a separate plan to address this issue.

Ocean Park Health Center Hosts "Walk and Talk" Series
The Ocean Park Health Center Patient Advisory Council successfully hosted a four session *Walk and Talk* Series on this past September. An average of 25 participants from a diverse group of patients and neighbors from the community including Caucasians, Filipinos, Japanese and Chinese and ranging in age from 40 to 91 years old, attended each session.

The aim of the *Walk and Talk* program was to provide opportunities for participants to exercise in a relaxed, group setting and to attend educational workshops, held in English and Chinese, which focused on various health topics. Health topics covered in the four workshops included Weight Management, Exercise Benefits, Medicare Part D program and Hepatitis B. A Q & A session & lunch were provided at the end of each workshop to enhance communication and group interaction.

Participants commented on how much they enjoyed the socialization, interaction, and health education. As a result of the success of the *Walk and Talk* series, the walking club will be continuing to meet weekly in Golden Gate Park, and more sessions covering different health topics will be scheduled in the future.

Mass Vaccination Exercise a Success

The CA Department of Public Health mandated that all county health departments conduct a mass vaccination clinic exercise as part of their flu program this year. This Department organized and held our mass vaccination exercise on October 22 at the Cameron House in Chinatown. The day long event was very successful. We were sufficiently staffed to the point where we could have accommodated three times the number of patients that showed up, which is a credit to the planning and response by staff. It is worth noting that 90% of the employee volunteers had never been involved in a mass vaccination clinic or exercise before and within about 10 minutes of just-in-time training, they performed like a precision drill team. By late afternoon, 261 individuals had received free influenza vaccinations. We will have an after action plan in 30 days. We continue to practice emergency drills in small and large scales, always improving our response times, cross-training staff and increasing our experience and readiness.

Paid Sick Day Law

Environmental Health has supported San Francisco's Paid Sick Day Law by mailing educational brochures on city labor laws to more than 3,400 San Francisco restaurants. Each year in California, hundreds of cases of preventable illnesses occur related to such restaurant outbreaks, and restaurant workers who work while ill are often contributing factors. The Paid Sick Day law, which took effect in February 2007, allows all employees working for San Francisco employers to earn paid sick time to use to take care of themselves or a family member. Unfortunately, many San Francisco workers, including restaurant workers, are still unaware of their benefits under this law, which can help prevent food borne disease outbreaks in restaurants. This outreach to restaurants is part of a broader, coordinated citywide campaign to increase employer and employee knowledge about the law that is being coordinated by the Mayor's Office of Labor Standards Enforcement. A copy of the educational brochures in both English and Spanish are attached to this Director's Report.

Infect Me Not Campaign Continues to Amuse and Delight

One of the many attributes of the ***Infect Me Not*** campaign launched earlier this month is evident in its staging and roll out. Each week, staff from the Communicable Disease Control & Prevention (CDCP) post and promote ***Infect Me Not*** messages on the web.

Flu Clinics Begin: Adults and Children

We continue to emphasize prevention as the best way to maintain good health by opening the Department's Public Flu Clinics next week. We have been promoting the clinics throughout the City utilizing newly developed posters in English, Chinese and Spanish. Castro Mission, Chinatown, Maxine Hall, Ocean Park, Silver Avenue and Southeast Health Centers will all offer flu shots for $10 each from 8:30 am - 11:00 am on Tuesday November 4, Thursday November 6, and Thursday November 13. Curry Senior Center, Potrero Hill Health Center and Tom Waddell Health Center will also be offering shots to the general public. All public clinics in San Francisco (including private drug stores) are listed at www.sfdph.org/flu. This year the Department is also sponsoring elementary school-based FluMist clinics (no needles means no tears) at William Cobb and Gordon Lau Elementary Schools. The first William Cobb clinic was successful and took place on October 28. The first Gordon Lau clinic will be November 13. Follow-up clinics for any children needing a second dose will be in December.

Staff Presentations at American Public Health Association Meeting

Community Health Promotion and Prevention Branch/Community Health Education Section staff presented and/or co-authored presentations at the American Public Health Association annual conference and meeting, held in San Diego, October 26 - 29. Patricia Erwin, Newcomers Health Program, presented "New and Emerging Roles for Community Health Workers;" Buffy Bunting, Health Education Training Center, presented "Partnerships to Improve the Public Health Workforce and Infrastructure;" and Ginger Smyly, Community Health Promotion and Prevention, co-authored "Assessing Local Health Department's Capacity to Address Health Inequities: Organizational self assessment tool." Ms Erwin also moderated a session on "You have to see a doctor again? Continuity of care for immigrants," sponsored by the Caucus on Refugee and Immigrant Health. Congratulations to all of the DPH presenters and co-authors.

Transgender Health Conference

On October 24, Community Behavioral Health Services in collaboration with the HIV Prevention Section, presented the training conference, *Transgender Health: Everything You Wanted to Know... But Were Afraid to Ask.* Approximately 307 substance use treatment providers, therapists, counselors, physicians, physician's assistants, nurses, social workers, health educators, outreach workers, and providers of family services packed into St. Mary's Conference Center. This conference was designed to educate service providers on important issues and trends affecting transgender people and their families, focusing on three main topical areas: 1) access to primary care, 2) substance use and 3) mental health services. Featured presenters included: Holy Old Man Bull, Discrimination Investigator of the Human Rights Commission; Robin Dea, MD Regional Director of Mental Health Services - Kaiser Permanente; the Ladies of Passion; Lori Kohler, MD of UCSF; and Barry Zevin, MD of Tom Waddell Health Center and a host of other leaders in the in the field of transgender health. Those who attended had high praise for the conference, which had been much anticipated. Many thanks to Norman Aleman of CBHS and Jenna Rapues of HPS for their leadership and success with this training.

Comments/Follow Up

- Commissioner Illig announced that Michele Seaton, Health Commission Executive Secretary, has resigned her position to take a job with Santa Clara County.

5) PRESENTATION OF THE MAYOR'S MID-YEAR BUDGET REDUCTION TARGETS AND THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S PLAN FOR MEETING THE TARGET

Gregg Sass, Chief Financial Officer, presented an update on the mid-year cuts that the Mayor's Budget Office has called for. On October 31st, the Controller announced that there would be a current year revenue shortfall of $90 million - $125 million. DPH was asked to provide $26.7 million in cuts to address its portion of the deficit. Mr. Sass described DPH's balancing plan for the current year's projected deficit, and presented a process for the mid-year reductions. The deadline for submission of the mid-year reductions is Friday, November 7th, but it is doubtful that DPH can meet this deadline due to the enormity of the task. Staff is reviewing items proposed for reduction in FY 2008/09 and restored by the Mayor and Board of Supervisors, but even if all of these cuts were taken DPH would not meet the target. The plan is to bring a report to the November 18th Health Commission meeting. It is probable that cuts will require a Beilenson Hearing before the Health Commission. Dr. Katz added that one of the ways this year is different is this year we have a "same year" problem, and the city is spending more than it is earning. The City Charter prohibits

this so the problem must be addressed immediately. In addition, the target is so large that it requires us to look carefully the strategic plan and re-envision what the Health Department looks like. The Health Commission and staff have been doing good work around this, and this provides a good baseline. The focus will be on how to be smaller, but still in keeping with the strategic plan. It is likely that the list presented on November 18th will consist of proposals that were already presented to the Commission.

Comments/Follow Up

- Commissioner Illig noted that the Health Department has by far the biggest target reduction, and it appears that our percentage of the cuts is higher than the Department's percentage of the general fund.

- Commissioner Sako said in terms of trends, based on what DPH contributed to the citywide problem last year, we can expect to contribute a similar amount next year. Mr. Sass said that if the Department is successful with this process, it will go a long way toward addressing next year's budget reductions.

- Commissioner Chow said that the fact that certain items cannot be looked at during mid-year, due to things like long-term leases, contracts, etc., does not mean they should be taken out of next year's budget reduction proposal. Dr. Katz said everything is on the table. Commissioner Chow said the fact that the Board of Supervisors restored programs that were proposed to be cut and now mere months later we are facing another revenue shortfall adds to people's cynicism. This might again be seen as an effort in futility. DPH needs to be very clear about what these cuts means in terms of reduced services.

- Commissioner Sanchez said we will need to carefully evaluate what the core responsibilities of the Health Department are, what the priorities are, and target areas that do not meet these priorities for reductions.

- The budget report will come to the full commission on November 18, 2008.

- The Beilenson Hearing is tentatively scheduled for December 16, 2008, subject to confirmation of a quorum.

- Commissioner Sako said that when individual reductions are presented, the report should include information about the total amount of funding for the program, in addition to the amount of the cut.

Public Comment

- Jacob Moody, Bayview Hunters Point Foundation, asked how the re-envisioning of the Department will move forward, given that we do not want the dollars to drive reorganization. He said Barbara Garcia's process may be a good place for these discussions. Dr. Katz said that each decision will be made with a strategic re-envisioning in mind.

- Dick Hodgson asked if State mid year cuts will add to the City's mid year problem. Commissioner Illig said it would seem so.

6) UPDATE ON NON-PROFIT CONTRACTING

Anne Okubo, Deputy Finance Director, presented an update on non-profit contracting. Contractors and DPH staff have commended the Health Commission on its revised policy to streamline contract approval, as well as the Commission's revised policy on oversight of contractor performance. Ms. Okubo said the Board's Finance Committee has concerns about the 12% contingency included in contracts. DPH staff will follow up with the Board and the Controller on potential legislation. Ms. Okubo said a new model was piloted to jointly conduct contract negotiations with providers for FY 08-09 residential treatment programs. In addition, contractors received one FY 08-09 contract allocation letter reflecting all Community Programs funding rather than separate letters from each section. A master list was developed of all contracts across Community Programs to determine funding by agency, section and modality. A RFP is being developed that will consolidate funding from CBHS and HIV Services for residential substance abuse programs. And finally a users group was created to allow contractors to meet and discuss issues related to use of COOL.

Public Comment

- Debbi Lerman, Human Services Network, said HSN has been working closely with the Department on this issue for the past five years. She described HSN's list of principles that would further enhance the contract streamlining process, and asked that the Commission to review. She submitted written testimony, which is on file in the Health Commission Office.

Comments/Follow Up

- Commissioner Illig said that the Commission would like to see movement on the development of standards of care and outcomes on all services. Commissioner Illig intends to meet with Supervisor Elsbernd about the contingency issue.

- Commissioner Chow said that DPH has a fiduciary responsibility for funds, and must maintain oversight of and closely follow funding to contractors.

7) UPDATE ON PANDEMIC FLU PREPARATION

Susan Fernyak, M.D., Director, Community Disease Control and Prevention, updated the Commission on preparations for pandemic flu, and described the materials that have been created to help educate the public about pandemic flu and reduction measures. The materials are translated into Spanish and Chinese.

Comments/Follow Up

- Commissioner Chow asked if agencies could link back to DPH's website, for example Kaiser, San Francisco Medical Society and other organizations. This could be an easy way to disseminate information. Dr. Fernyak will pursue this.

8) DISCUSSION OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION'S TEMPORARY PROCEDURES FOR THE COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE PLANNING ORDINANCE (PROPOSITION Q).

Commissioner Illig said that the Health Commission adopted temporary procedures to implement Proposition Q in 1989. These were never permanently adopted nor are they part of the Health

Commission's Rules of Order. He would like to propose amendments that give the Health Commission the flexibility to make hold the hearing and make findings at the same meeting, rather than having to hold two meetings. This is consistent with the ordinance that was adopted by the voters in 1988.

Comments/Follow Up

- Commissioner Chow said it has been helpful in the past to have two Proposition Q hearings, giving the hospital the opportunity to provide additional information in the intervening weeks before making a decision. This has allowed for a lot of changes and compromises to occur. Commissioner Illig said that his intent with the amendments is to allow the Commission to do either, and will not preclude having a subsequent meeting if there are issues that need to be worked out.

- The amendments will be presented to the Health Commission on November 18th, and will be posted on the website and distributed to interested parties, including the Hospital Council, prior to the meeting.

9) **CLOSED SESSION**

A) Public Comments on All Matters Pertaining to the Closed Session

None.

B) Vote on Whether to Hold a Closed Session (San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.11)

Action Taken: The Commission (Chow, Illig, Melara, Sako, Sanchez, Waters) voted to hold a closed session.

The Commission went into closed session at 5:50 p.m. Present in closed session were Commissioner Chow, Commissioner Illig, Commissioner Melara, Commissioner Sako, Commissioner Sanchez, Commissioner Waters, Mitchell H. Katz, M.D., Health Director, Elizabeth Jacobi, Human Resources Director, Rose-Ellen Fairgrieve, Deputy City Attorney and Michele Seaton, Health Commission Executive Secretary.

C) Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 and San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.10(d)

Action Taken: The Commission (Chow, Illig, Melara, Sako, Sanchez, Waters) approved the settlement of Aparicio v. City and County of San Francisco.

D) Reconvene in Open Session

The Commission reconvened in open session at 6:05 p.m.

1. Possible Report on Action Taken in Closed Session (Government Code Section 54957.1(a)2 and San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(b)(2).)

2. Vote to Elect Whether to Disclose Any or All Discussions Held in Closed Session. (San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(a).)

Action Taken: The Commission voted not to disclose any discussions held in closed session.

10) CLOSED SESSION

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None.

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C) Closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 and San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.10(b)

PERSONNEL DISCUSSION: HEALTH DIRECTOR AND HEALTH COMMISSION EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

D) Reconvene in Open Session

The Commission reconvened in open session at 6:35 p.m.

1. Possible Report on Action Taken in Closed Session (Government Code Section 54957.1(a)2 and San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(b)(2).)

3. Vote to Elect Whether to Disclose Any or All Discussions Held in Closed Session. (San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(a).)

Action Taken: The Commission voted not to disclose any discussions held in closed session.

11) OTHER BUSINESS

Secretary's Note – this item was discussed before the Commission went into closed session.

Ms. Seaton said the Department of Children, Youth and Their Families is required to present the Community Needs Assessment to five commissions, including the Health Commission. The director has asked to present the Community Needs Assessment at one meeting with representatives from the five commissions, rather than present to each commission separately. Commissioner Melara said her preference is that the presentation be made to the full Health Commission. Commissioner Chow agrees that it be presented to the full Health Commission. His past experience with joint commission

meetings where only a few commissioners are represented is that they have not been useful and do not allow for real dialogue. The Health Commission Executive Secretary will convey this to Margaret Brodkin.

The Health Commission decided that the Proposition Q Hearing on the closure of CPMC Davies Geriatric Psychiatry Unit, which is scheduled for the November 18th Health Commission meeting, will notices as a 6:30 p.m. time certain.

12) COMMISSIONER REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Chow said a UCSF medical student, Charles Liao, working with Dr. Albert Yuy from Chinatown Public Health Center, won first place in the poster presentation of the Chinese American Medical Society annual meeting in New York City. The topic of their presentation was Hepatitis B screening practices at Chinatown Public Health Center. Second place went to a basic research abstract from a UCSF student, Annie Fang.

13) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

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HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING

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Tuesday, November 18, 2008
At
4:00 p.m.
101 GROVE STREET, ROOM 300 or ROOM 302
San Francisco, CA 94102

1) **CALL TO ORDER**

2) **PROPOSED ACTION:** **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF NOVEMBER 4, 2008**
**Minutes of the meeting of November 4, 2008*

3) **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT****

4) **FOR DISCUSSION:** **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
(Mitchell H. Katz, M.D., Director of Health)
(Report on activities and operations of the Department)
**Director's Report*

5) **FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:** **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**
(Steven Tierney, Committee Chair)
**Finance Committee Packet*

6) **FOR DISCUSSION:** **1st QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT**
(Gregg Sass, Chief Financial Officer)
**Report*

7) **FOR DISCUSSION:** **PRESENTATION OF MID-YEAR BUDGET REDUCTIONS**
(Mitchell H. Katz, M.D., Health Director)

8) FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE THE HEALTH COMMISSION'S PROCEDURES FOR THE COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE PLANNING ORDINANCE (PROPOSITION Q)
(Commissioners)
** Amended Procedures*

9) FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: TIME CERTAIN 6:30 P.M. PROPOSITION Q HEARING ON THE CLOSURE OF THE GERIATRIC PSYCHIATRY HEARING AT CPMC DAVIES CAMPUS AND CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION MAKING FINDINGS
**Letter from CPMC, Draft Resolution*

10) OTHER BUSINESS***

11) COMMISSIONER REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

12) CLOSED SESSION

A) Public Comments on All Matters Pertaining to the Closed Session

B) Vote on Whether to Hold a Closed Session (San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.11)

C) Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 and San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.10(d)

APPROVAL OF A SETTLEMENT OF MA V. CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO, SAN FRANCISCO COURT NO. 462106

D) Reconvene in Open Session

1. Possible Report on Action Taken in Closed Session (Government Code Section 54957.1(a)2 and San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(b)(2).)

2. Vote to Elect Whether to Disclose Any or All Discussions Held in Closed Session. (San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(a).) (Action Item)

13) ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES

HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, November 18, 2008
At
4:00 p.m.
101 GROVE STREET, ROOM 300
San Francisco, CA 94102

1) CALL TO ORDER

President Illig called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm.

Present: Commissioner James M. Illig, President
Commissioner Edward A. Chow, M.D.
Commissioner Margine A. Sako
Commissioner David J. Sanchez, Jr., Ph.D.
Commissioner Steven Tierney, Ed.D.
Commissioner Catherine M. Waters

Absent: Commissioner Sonia E. Melara, MSW, Vice-President

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2) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF NOVEMBER 4, 2008

Action Taken: The Commission (Chow, Illig, Sako, Sanchez, Tierney, Waters) approved the minutes of the November 4, 2008 Health Commission meeting.

3) GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

Veronica Shephard of Southeast Health Center spoke regarding lack of mammovan availability at Southeast Health Center. She noted the higher incidence and death rate of breast cancer among

African-American women, and noted the backlog of women in the Bayview Hunters Point community in need of mammographic screening.

4) DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mitchell H. Katz, M.D., Director of Health, included Director's Report in the Commission packet and made copies available to the public. Highlights include:

DPH Items at the Board of Supervisors
During the week of November 17, the Government Audit & Oversight Committee and the Land Use & Economic Development Committee meet on Monday, the full Board of Supervisors meets on Tuesday, the Budget & Finance Committee meets on Wednesday, and the City Operations & Neighborhood Services Committee meets on Thursday. The Rules Committee and City & School District Committee meetings are cancelled. The report detailed the resolutions and hearings that are being considered.

Proposition A: SFGH Bond Passes
I know the Commission joins me in welcoming the news that the SFGH Bond Measure (Prop A) was overwhelmingly passed by the voters on November 4 with an astonishing 82% approval. This extraordinary outcome is due in no small part to the leadership of Gene O'Connell and many of her staff who committed themselves fully to the rebuild of San Francisco General Hospital. At the next Health Commission meeting—which will be held at SFGH—Ms. O'Connell will give the Commission a more detailed presentation of the victory that was Prop A and what to anticipate in terms of future expectations for the new hospital as it takes the next big steps to becoming a reality. It is fitting that as Laguna Honda Hospital rebuild moves towards its final phase, we begin to turn our attention to SFGH with the sure and certain knowledge that this City will be able to continue to provide the nation's best health care to the most vulnerable among us. It is a proud day in our history and I am pleased to share these accomplishments with a Health Commission that has lead this Department through many years of hard work to arrive at these two critically important new facilities.

CARE Update
In a piece of good news, the Controller notified us that they will certify CARE contracts prior to the official award of supplemental CARE funding sponsored by Speaker Pelosi. Normally we must wait until we receive the award; however, the Controller will certify funding since the appropriation is in the federal budget. Award of the supplemental funds is expected to be in April or May, a delay of several months after the start of the new CARE term that begins March 1, 2009. This is good news for our contractors since it will ensure continuous payment without interruption of services.

Chronic Disease Focus of Shape UP SF Summit
On Thursday, November 6, Mayor Newsom sponsored the *Shape UP SF* Summit to give business, healthcare and community leaders an opportunity to explore ways to address the many challenges of chronic disease and the role that environment plays in what we eat and how we live. I had the privilege of welcoming the 160+ in attendance and opened the Summit with a short series of group stretches to emphasize the importance of getting up from our seats and the positive influence that movement plays in feeling good.

Keynote speaker, Gil Penalosa, who created *Ciclovia*, a Sunday event in Bogota, Columbia that opens 70 miles of streets, discussed how cities like San Francisco can make the best use of open space as a way to encourage people to become physically active. He advocates for safer streets and

dynamic parks where people can enjoy outdoor activities which contribute to individual health and well being, and also decreases health care costs and strengthens communities. Gil also promoted the continuation of San Francisco's Sunday Streets event—two of which were held in August and September along the Embarcadero and Third Street—and based on his *Ciclovia* concept.

Food activist and eco-chef Bryant Terry spoke to the issue of food justice and the importance of access to healthy food for everyone, regardless of income or community.

The Summit unveiled its strategic plan, buoyed by an Executive Directive from Mayor Newsom, challenging all Departments in the City to use their sphere of influence to create healthy eating and active living environments. On this point, I believe the Health Commission has already positioned this Department as a model for others to follow and we are well on our way to fulfilling the Mayor's Directive. In 2006, the Health Commission adopted the Sustainable Food Policy and we see elements of those principles—such as having healthy, sustainable food options when serving food at events sponsored by the Department of Public Health—being integrated into the way we do business. At both SFGH and LHH, staff is looking at ways to incorporate more locally produced food, which is also an important piece of the Sustainable Food Policy. Our community based Health Centers are getting on board through new programs such as the "Walk and Talk" series at Ocean Park. In the Environmental Health Section, Rajiv Bhatia, MD, has a number of staff working on and promoting the health impact assessment project and getting food stores with fresh produce to locate in underserved communities such as Bayview Hunters Point. Finally, I know the Commissioners join me in congratulating Mark Ghaly, MD, Director of Southeast Health Center, who received the "Shape UP SF Superstar" award for his efforts to create healthy eating and active living at his clinic and in the Southeast neighborhood. As the Department of Public Health, with a serious commitment to Healthy SF and Shape UP SF, we will continue to look for more opportunities to promote the Mayor's Executive Directive, both in spirit and in practice, for all San Franciscans.

Enhanced Surveillance for Chronic Hepatitis
On November 6-7, Communicable Disease Control and Prevention Section (CDCP) hosted the annual meeting of state and local health departments that are funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to conduct enhanced surveillance for acute and chronic viral hepatitis. CDCP receives CDC funds to conduct enhanced surveillance for chronic hepatitis, with a special emphasis on chronic hepatitis B. Sue Shallow and Amy Nishimura of CDCP presented SFDPH's best practices for follow up of persons with chronic hepatitis B. These practices include interviews of case-patients to provide education and counseling, as well as to collect information on demographics, risk factors, medical services received, and the prevention measures practiced by case-patients to prevent hepatitis B transmission.

Monochloramine Presentation at EPA Meeting
June Weintraub, Senior Epidemiologist in Environmental Health, made a presentation to the EPA Federal-State Toxicology and Risk Analysis Committee (FSTRAC) meeting in late October in Virginia entitled, "Converting to Monochloramine for Residual Disinfection of Drinking Water: A Local Public Health Department Perspective." The presentation/panel discussion gave an overview of San Francisco's experience after converting to monochloramine in 2004, including the improvement in regulated disinfection byproduct levels and our experience responding to citizen concerns about health effects. The presentation also included suggestions about future research needs, such as work on exposure assessment and continued research on disinfection by-products and disinfection by-product mixtures formation, occurrence, and health effects. The feedback from the presentation was favorable, and no member of the panel or the FSTRAC expressed any

outstanding concern about the potential for adverse health effects due to the use of chloramine for residual disinfection.

Silver Sentinel Exercise
The Department participated in the annual statewide emergency drill, the Silver Sentinel, in late October. The exercise allowed us to work with both the City and Regional Emergency Operations Centers, testing our communication and resouree responses to a 48-hours post earthquake scenario. As part of the exercise, we opened the Department Operations Center (DOC) at 1380 Howard Street with staff from Emergency Medical Services, Community Behavioral Health and Communicable Disease Control & Prevention. Local hospitals played an important role in the exercise, submitting requests to the DOC which were then relayed to the Emergency Operations Center in the same way that City agencies, working together, would respond in a real life emergency.

As with all emergency response drills, many of the disaster pieces we put in place worked well, such as the technological improvements we have made to the DOC. We will be taking a closer look at staffing logistics and a number of technical issues that will improve our efficiency and performance. Participating in the Silver Sentinel gave many of the key emergency responders with the Department another opportunity to practice important skills and maneuvers that will be essential during any type of disaster that affects San Francisco.

Laguna Honda Hospital Receives Cultural Diversity Award
Congratulations to Laguna Honda Hospital & Rehabilitation Center for receiving the Hobart Jackson Cultural Diversity Award at this year's American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging Conference held in Philadelphia, PA. The award recognizes LHH's "Culturally Effective Healthcare Development Program" that sprang from needs LHH identified as it prepares for its transition to a new facility in 2010.

When the LHH staff walked into the Conference site to accept the award, they were greeted with a 7-foot poster display of the attached photo. Many thanks to Michael Mikolasek, Cho Tai, Santalyda Marerro and Jill LeCount who represented the LHH community in front of an estimated 8000 conference attendees.

Collaboration with Veterans Administration (VA)
On November 3, staff from Community Programs met with the San Francisco Veterans Administration to explore new and improved ways of collaborating between the VA's and the Department's primary and behavioral health systems of care. An arrangement that would link services for current and newly-arriving veterans would add an important piece of support to an already expanding population with a wide variety of medical, psychological and housing needs.

Next steps will include training sessions for our providers from the VA to ensure veterans understand the benefits they may qualify for, a strong collaboration with substance abuse services, and creating drop in hours in our behavior health access center targeting veterans from the VA membership/eligibility program.

Mass Flu Vaccination Drill at Laguna Honda Hospital (LHH)
On Friday, November 7th, LHH staged a hospital-wide mass vaccination drill. The scenario for the exercise was based on a community outbreak of a virulent and highly contagious strain of Influenza A, requiring that all staff at LHH receive the influenza vaccination. Staff quickly created a Command Center, triage staging area, and even set up a media center to practice responding to an event that would attract local reporters.

Seventy-five employees, students and volunteers from various departments staffed the triage area and command center. Almost 900 people were triaged at a rate of about 100/hour and 580 staff volunteers, and students were vaccinated. Of the 261 that declined the vaccine, 91 had already received it through their own personal health care provider. At the staging area, health educators gave away prizes and provided infection control education on hand hygiene, respiratory infections and how to prepare for the flu season.

The debriefing the process revealed a well-organized and successful mass vaccination drill, providing LHH an excellent opportunity to respond quickly in the event of a bioterrorism attack, virus outbreak or epidemic.

LHH will continue to give flu vaccines to its staff through the month of November. LHH's ongoing efforts in preventing flu infection among its residents also includes having one of the highest flu vaccination rates among nursing homes in the state and nationwide.

Tobacco Free Project
In September 2008, the Tobacco Free Project's case study on "The Community Action Model to Address Disparities in Health" was published in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention workbook titled *Promoting Health Equity: A Resource to Help Communities Address Social Determinants of Health.* The workbook was designed to help translate knowledge regarding the relationship between social determinants of health and health outcomes into practice.

Southeast Food Access Working Group
Policy Link, a national research and action institute advancing economic and social equity, released a report entitled, "Grocery Store Attraction Strategies" in which it highlighted the work of the Southeast Food Access Working Group which is co-chaired by Dr. Mark Ghaly and staffed by Susana Hennessey-Lavery and Christina Goette. For more information go to http://www.policylink.org/documents/groceryattraction_final.pdf.

STD Update
The 2007 STD Section's Annual Sexually Transmitted Disease Summary is now available, both online and in hard copy. In summary, in 2007, chlamydia rates, overall, decreased 2.8% compared to 2006, although rates of rectal chlamydia increased 15.1% compared to 2006. Gonorrhea rates, overall, declined 18.5% compared to 2006; rectal gonorrhea rates decreased 12.3% compared to 2006. Early syphilis rates declined 16.3% compared to 2006 and P&S rates declined 16.9% compared to 2006. Unfortunately, in 2008, early syphilis rates have increased over 50% compared to 2007. If you are interested in receiving a hard copy of the Summary, please e-mail Joanne.Carpio@sfdph.org. A copy is also available on line at www.sfcityclinic.org.

On 10/27/08, in response to the 54% increase in syphilis from 2007 to 2008, the STD Section issued a Health Advisory. A copy is available at www.sfcityclinic.org/providers/syphalert.2008.

San Francisco General Hospital & Trauma Center Credentials Report, November 2008

	11/08	07/08 to 06/09
New Appointments	27	151
Reinstatements	0	1
Reappointments	48	237
Delinquencies:	0	0
Reappointment Denials:	0	0
Resigned/Retired:	13	101
Disciplinary Actions	0	0
Restriction/Limitation-Privileges	0	0
Deceased	0	0
Changes in Privileges		
Additions	1	37
Voluntary Relinquishments	9	25
Proctorship Completed	36	88
Proctorship Extension	0	0

Current Statistics – as of 10/21/08	
Active Staff	510
Courtesy Staff	554
Affiliate Professionals (non-physicians)	238
TOTAL MEMBERS	1,302

Applications In Process	34
Applications Withdrawn Month of August 2008	0
SFGH Reappointments in Process 12/2008 to 03/2009	164

5) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Commissioner Tierney updated the Commission on the Finance Committee meeting. The Finance Committee discussed the following:

- Approved the November 2008 Contracts Report.
- Approved a contract for Clean Harbors Environmental Services
- Approved a contract with YMCA of San Francisco, Bayview Hunters Point Branch
- Approved a retroactive contract with Dahl-Beck Electric Company
- Retroactively accepted a gift of Buprenorphine medication from Rickett Benckiser Pharmaceuticals
- Approved a premium increase for the Healthy Kids program
- Received an update on the Primary Care budget from Gregg Sass, CFO

Action Taken: The Commission (Chow, Illig, Sako, Sanchez, Tierney, Waters) approved the Finance Committee report and all actions taken by the Committee.

6) 1st QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT

Deferred to December 2, 2008 Finance Committee meeting.

7) PRESENTATION OF MID-YEAR BUDGET REDUCTIONS

Gregg Sass, CFO presented the Citywide estimate of shortfall, the extent of the mid-year budget reductions DPH has been asked to make, and the Department's plan to make those reductions. A copy of his presentation is attached.

Public Comment:

At the outset of Public Comment, Commissioner Illig requested that members of the public put their comments in writing to the Mayor. He noted that he understands the City's fiscal crisis, but programs cuts should be made based on the City's priorities, and Mayor needs to hear what residents' priorities are.

Art Besse: The National Council on Alcoholism is one of vital programs on list. I&R is on chopping block. Many people have said their sobriety began with a call to I&R. Understands unprecedented times, but asking to spare I&R.

Eddy Molay: Manager of I& R program at the National Council on Alcoholism. Asking to spare I&R. Cost-effective organization plus a small budget program.

Benson Nadell: Family Service Agency Ombudsman program. Shift to Primary Care model raises question of whether psych. evaluation can be done effectively within primary care. Interruption of treatment relationship. Might prevent some institutionalization.

Ann Harrison: Elimination of meth amphetamine program at for gay men at New Leaf. Are primary care physicians going to provide amphetamine treatment to MSMs? 60-day wait will mean that these people do not get treatment. Meth. Amphetamine treatment is cost effective.

Dick Hodgson: San Francisco Community Clinic Consortium regarding the proposed cut to primary care. $400,000 cut for their members. Cuts to HSF in primary care unexplainable given want to enroll in HSF.

Teri McGinnis: Lyon-Martin Health Services target clients are women, children and adults in need of culturally competent care. Confusing why would cut for a population that typically has difficulty getting care. Funds being cut are not for care as stated in budget cuts, but are for enrollment and re-enrollment.

Brenda Stary: Mission Neighborhood Health Center serves 12,0000 patients 66% uninsured. Funds being used are to enroll people in program. Does not reimburse for primary care services. Already facing cuts from the State EAPC program.

Cyd Nova: St. James Infirmary serves unique purpose. Only sex worker-focused program. Allows sex workers to be empowered about health decisions rather than facing a shame-based system. Many are transgendered.

Blake Nemec: Peer counselor in transgender clinic at St. James. See approx. 300 sex workers including 50 transgendered. Clinic is safe haven for marginalized population.

K.C. Rourke: St. James is unique to deliver large services for small amount. Grassroots organization with dedicated staff. Care about problems of their clients.

Nikki Calma: On Commission of Status of Women, but speaking on the proposed cuts to the API Wellness Center – would be shame to see this program eliminated for API LGBT community.

Ming Ming Kwan: Recipient of API Wellness Center LGBT youth program. Speak to services provided at API Wellness Center. Better person as a result of it.

Carlos Bermudez: API Wellness Center. APIs are 1/3rd of SF population. Not a responsible cut.

Kyriell Noon: Stop AIDS Program. Appreciate that DPH and Commission are looking to HPPC to guide cuts for HIV prevention.

Molly Hoyt: Family Service Agency outpatient services for seniors. Only outpatient community program for seriously mentally ill seniors. Have a waiting list. Without this program, spend days alone largely in SROs.

Monroe Williams: Family Service Agency intensive case management program cuts. Would like to not have cuts for FSA services. Ask to reconsider cuts.

Gidalia Rothman: On behalf of FSA as Activity Director. Has seen seniors coming in without purpose and has seen people come to life. These cuts are inhumane and unjust.

Rufus Harris: Senior Care Counselor at FSA. Program should not be cut.

Arnold Kronick: Pleading on behalf of quality of life. FSA client. Without FSA would have no place to go. Prior to FSA was 5150'd twice. That's expensive. Afraid of falling into cracks without FSA.

Robert Fazackerly: Volunteer at FSA. Inexplicable why would eliminate a volunteer-driven program. Should be a model of how to deal with all of these cuts.

Juanita Negrete: Volunteer at FSA. Asking not to cut program.

Cathy Spensley: FSA Staff. Proud of day support program, staff and clients, especially those who came down to testify. Also Intensive Case Management Services, only such program in SF.

Scott Keyes: Board of Directors of FSA plus business owner in SF. Contributes to health of community not just health of individuals. Without these services, these people could end up in more expensive care. Let the Board and staff allocate any cuts made.

Kaveh Vesalli: As part of supplyforce.com, seeks out thought leaders and visionaries about how they provide services. FSA is one of those organizations. Critical to way services are provided to leverage thought leaders like FSA.

Michio Kusama: Oversees Older Adult Chronic Illness program at FSA. FSA welcomes those older adults.

Patricia Arean: Professor at UCSF. Looking to develop comprehensive treatment to older adult with serious mental illness. Does not make sense to cut the only two programs in SF that meet those needs. Will end up spending more in long-run than will save in short-run.

Dale Butler: Opposing FSA cuts. Lives in Tenderloin and sees daily effects of programs that impact the clientele of FSA. Without these services, end up at PES at a far greater cost, which is largely uncompensated. These cuts will result in far greater costs in the long run.

Bob Bennett: From FSA. Leader in recovery model and consumer model. Trying to operate on tight budget. Every person in program on cut list is seriously mentally ill. Alternative: Most counties trying to be need driven. This county capacity driven. Should instead cut across the board. End war between community-based and institutional providers.

Sherilyn Adams: Larkin St. serves 3,500 youth. 50% of color, 30% LGBT, 78% unemployed. HIV prevention and early intervention programs targeted for cuts.

Katie McCall: Women's Community Clinic using volunteers to provide reproductive services to women in clinic. Encourage city to invest in volunteer-based and programs that can leverage grant foundations.

Jacob Moody: Raise questions about efforts to reduce $36,000 from mental health program. Eliminated intensive case management and transformed into community case management. Budget reduction based on technicality is unfair.

Rebecca Rolfe: ED of LGBT Community Center. Thanks for opportunity to reallocate HIV prevention. Regarding cut to SNAP.

Wai-Ching Kwan: Speaking on behalf of Chinatown SRO Collaborative. Program is effective and cost effective. Core of program is peer based outreach. Many live in SROs. Problem of families in SROs is not getting better.

Alex Tom: Chinese Progressive Assn. and part of SRO collaboratives. Family member speaking: I know of economic crisis, but for SRO families it's even worse. This is only funding to help support SRO families. Economic issues mean mental issues for families also. We're on borderline of homelessness and would like a little support from City.

Mattias Mormino: Central City SRO Collaborative. Services are in four neighborhoods and are cross cultural. Please reconsider cuts.

Peter Maziak: Collaboratives are only groups that work inside city's SROs that house roughly 30,0000 individuals. This work saves untold amounts of money to the city. Solution: Community Justice Center just voted down. Look to funds from that program.

Jeff Buckley: Central City SRO Collaborative. Relationship is perfect public-private partnership. Work directly with clients in SROs. On front lines and love doing it. Help with bedbugs, overdose prevention, fire safety. Understand difficult decisions. Have we looked hard enough within management of DPH.

Jorge Portillo: Mission SRO Collaborative. Two items: Since 1999, fires and deaths in SROs have dramatically decreased. Secondly, doing disaster preparedness in SROs uniquely tailored to this population. Essential to keep collaboratives around.

Jesus Perez: Works with families and children South of Market. Will end up homeless without this program.

Wendy Phillips: Dolores St. Community Services plus Local Homeless Coordinating Council. Mayor should look to agencies outside DPH to find cuts. LHCC passed resolution that no cut to homeless services.

Julie Leadbetter: SRO collaborative in context of housing first. Should not see any cuts to programs in SROs given housing first model. Little to no relationship to HSF. HSF does not provide outreach or case management in SROs. CBOs have been put out in front due to support at BOS. Don't have this option now.

Geoff Link: SF Study Center. Four programs up for elimination. All part of mental health consumer movement. Cuts would be devastating.

Roy Cruc: Budget cut is shroud of fog over SF and over America. Voted for change on November 4. This is not the kind of change that's acceptable. Cut every position that Mayor Newsom created. Then we lay off administration. Need to march for services.

Arthur Curry: From the Office of Self Help. Feel pressure of cuts required. During times of economic crisis, mentally ill feel double pressure of mental illness and economic instability. Work toward empowerment. Please don't cut services.

Elaine Fielding: Get much bigger bang for buck at Kean Hotel than realize. Provide intensive case management for mentally ill with co-occurring substance abuse. Most are homeless and unemployed. Clients are referred early on.

Gregory Cross: SEIU 1021. Understand that contractors and civil servants part of same health care team. Outsourcing security, CNAs to MEAs, are both not options.

Lucia Hammond: Psychotherapist in Excelsior. Concern is for clientele. Difficult neighborhood with violence, and try to intervene. Many of clients will not leave geographic area and seek services in another neighborhood as is being proposed through service integration.

Ronni Marshall: St. James employee. Provided different picture of HIV. Taught about safe sex and other ways to avoid HIV. Peer counselor in harm reduction. Services are important.

Richard Heasley: ED of Conard House. Feel that city has declared war on itself. Unclear where all of this has headed. Four groups that affect DPH planning, none of which have been heard from. All this planning activity that has yet to be completed. Send message to Mayor that DPH needs to sit out this cut and impose on other departments that have not done heavy lifting.

Amalia Freedman: One of few opportunities that without this FSA program would end up in much more expensive levels of care. Programs operate in multiple languages. Misnomer to think of these as unleveraged programs. Bring in foundation.

Charles Fann: As workers, go to SROs to get people to go to appointments. Depression and HIV manifest themselves differently in different people. Please reconsider.

Yalith Fonfa: St. James is vital resource for sex workers in SF. Go to strip clubs and massage parlors. Serve 2500 unique individuals. St. James is only place where sex workers can find peer support. First came as client before was staff member. Please don't cut to unique program doing good work.

Naomi Akers: ED of St. James Infirmary. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of tertiary care. Came to St. James as client doing street sex work. Received care needed which helped her leave sex work.

Brad Vanderbilt: Client, volunteer, and staff member at St. James. Need bigger pie, but here we are trying to hold onto the pie we have. As gay male sex worker, this is hard to reach population who depends on St. James. Gay for pay and gay identified sex workers who aren't out about sex work. Both populations need support they get from St. James.

Stephany Ashley: Only place gets health care other than ED is St. James. Runs testing clinic. As criminalized population, only feel safe getting care at St. James.

Daniel Wilson: Street outreach worker at St. James. Worked throughout city at all times of day. Has received lots of gratitude from workers on the street that Commissioners may not be privy to. Encourage to think outside box.

Tobias Ex: Speaking for continued funding for St. James. As sex worker and transgender, can speak to shame based treatment of most healthcare providers. St. James provides safe, healing environment. Sex work will continue to happen. St. James approaches with harm reduction model. Plead for continued funding for St. James.

Stacey Swimme: Development Coordinator for St. James. Return on investment from St. James is exponential. DPH shouldn't be faced with these trade-offs. City should take $11 million it uses to arrest and incarcerate sex workers and put to health.

Marta Martinez: St. James should not be cut.

Eve Meyer: SF Suicide Prevention. Behavioral health services are sitting ducks. Mental health parity are now federal and state mandates. Cuts are disproportionate. Results in absurdities of cuts that have heard today. Should not be recycling cuts from last year. Should be across the board, which people can decide themselves how to make.

Angela Chu: SRO Families Collaborative. Over years have been fortunate not to be cut. Services are stronger now because haven't been cut. Housing still a scarcity. Consider again no cuts.

Debbi Lerman: SF Human Services Network. Blown away by scope of cuts. Also $6 million in human services. Roughly half of cuts will hit most vulnerable patients in the city. This is in the middle of worst economic crisis country has seen in decades. Make strong statement to Mayor that this is not the place to make cuts. Propositions N and Q were fought for by human service providers; all funds from

Melissa Grant: St. James Infirmary. Advocate for sex worker health programs. Unique program. Small amount of money to treat sex worker health without treating as victims or as criminals. Find way to keep clinic open.

Rachel Kelley: Oppose proposed elimination of Restoration House. Six of 20 clients affected are hers. Placed pat

Marykate Connor: Caduceus Outreach Services. Also have contract with City for 13 years, and do much more than outreach. Primarily psych. treatment services in non-clinical setting for homeless people. Do enormous amount and result in large savings. Commission is chosen to represent people served by DPH programs. Don't have Board to go to. Commission has the power.

Bobby Bogan: ED of Seniors Organizing Seniors. In a recession where things are going to get worse. We've all got a responsibility to make things better. Can't let Mayor stand in the way of change. Six-figure salaries in city administration. Should take part of that to balance budget.

Colleen Rivecca: At St. Anthony Foundation that operates without government support. Service cuts for marginalized populations hurt not only the programs that serve them also hurt the entire city.

Tanya Smith: On behalf of St. James Infirmary. Present awesome presence out there. Provide outreach in the night to people who don't know where to go. St. James allowed her to get off of the street. This population doesn't come out to testify at events like this.

Lara Tannenbaum: Director of Services at Larkin St. Youth. HIV prevention and substance abuse prevention cuts represents almost all funding for street outreach. Homeless and runaway youth at much higher risk of contracting HIV. Services they provide are critical to these youth's wellbeing.

Larry Holmes: Speaking against budget cuts. Tenant representative for SRO collaborative. A lot of people benefit from these services.

Kavoos Bassiri: Cuts will impact Balboa outreach clinic. Contract association meeting Thursday and will come up with additional recommendations. When it comes to primary care, mental health is part of primary care.

Edmond Juicye: Read the charge of the Health Commission from 1988. Ten years ago was Jonestown. We need a system that helps people. The hidden face of people in SRO's need help.

Commissioner's Comments:

- Commissioner Chow asked about the logic of certain behavioral health programs no longer being needed because of medical home. Dr. Katz replied that it is correctly noted in the spreadsheet, but not in the budget justification. Under Healthy SF, the commitment to primary care medical homes. If we need to shrink programs, we're trying not to cut primary care. Instead we're trying to consolidate mental health with primary care, e.g., Center for Special Problems with Tom Waddell Health Center. It's not always easy to determine cost savings through consolidation unless a program is leaving a rented facility and realizes rent and utilities cuts. One goal is to have substance treatment driven by primary care rather than seeking substance abuse treatment independent of primary care. The only way the Department can get to such a huge number is by shrinking. We are viewing primary care as

the core program with substance abuse and specialty mental health around primary care. Dr. Katz added that he views this as a good model, but wishes the proposal could be more fleshed out.

- Commissioner Illig expressed his disappointment in how little attention was paid to the budget principles that the Commission adopted. Dr. Katz responded that he and the Finance staff used the principles in proposing the cuts presented, but in the interest of time he wanted Mr. Sass to do his presentation as quickly as able given the number of people wishing to make public comment.

- Commissioner Illig asked whether the Commission wanted to do and would be available to hold a special meeting on November 25. Commissioners responded in the affirmative, although Commissioner Sako stated she would not be able to attend. Commissioner Illig stated he would contact Commissioner Melara to confirm her availability.

- Commissioner Sako stated that she would like to know the portion of the budgets that is comprised of General Fund for programs the Department is recommending cuts.

- Commissioner Tierney noted that the City has various planning groups such as the HIV Prevention Planning Council (HPPC) and the Community Benefits Partnership. He said that those committees should be convened for meetings to advise and consult on this most serious financial and budget planning process.

- Commissioner Chow noted that since the HIV prevention cuts would be going to the HPPC, he would hope that the HPPC would take into account Commission principles.

8) CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE HEALTH COMMISSION'S PROCEDURES FOR THE COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE PLANNING ORDINANCE (PROPOSITION Q)

Action Taken: The Commission (Chow, Illig, Sako, Sanchez, Tierney, Waters) approved the amendments to the Health Commission's procedures for the Community Health Care Planning Ordinance (Proposition Q) with correction of typographical errors.

9) PROPOSITION Q HEARING ON THE CLOSURE OF THE GERIATRIC PSYCHIATRY HEARING AT CPMC DAVIES CAMPUS AND CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION MAKING FINDINGS

Mary Lanier, RN, MS, CAO Davies Campus, Vice President of Psychiatry; Dr. David Goldberg, Acting Chairman Department of Psychiatry; and Dr. Michael Valan, Chief Consultation Liaison Psychiatry presented on CPMC's plan for closure of the inpatient geriatric psychiatry unit at the CPMC Davies Campus. A copy of their presentation in attached.

Public Comment:

Emily Stone: Psych Tech at Unit 23. She expressed concerns about mixing older geriatric psych. patients with general psych. population. Also Unit 23 is an old building with plumbing and access problems that haven't been addressed.

Julian Sapirstein: Mental Health Hearing Office for SF Superior Court. His points are contained in the letter he sent to the Commission. Unit 23 excellent for younger adults, but he would have concerns for elderly patients.

Gregg Bryon: Attorney representing patients at locked psych units. It would be a disservice if geriatric psych unit at CPMC were closed. Would trust his own family member at that unit. The staff is dedicated and enthusiastic. In addition, Unit 23 doesn't have beds for COPD patients.

Ella Hereth: SEIU representative for staff at the geriatric psych. unit. Tonight is first he's heard of plans to work with Jewish Home.

Jason Fried: SEIU United Healthcare Workers. New information is being brought tonight that is not reflected in resolution. He would hope that the Commission will consider and include. Don't always get information until public hearing. He hopes that the Commission will hold off on passing resolution and consider at its next meeting.

Commission Comments:

- Commissioner Chow asked Dr. Cabaj to comment on closure of the unit with respect to psychiatric services in the whole city. Dr. Cabaj responded that in his experience, it is difficult to staff such a unit. Only the VA has been successful at recruiting such staff. It is hard to get people into this specialization. He added that he couldn't comment on impact of closure of these beds, but would be less concerned as long as there are alternatives. It would be preferable to have a dedicated geriatric unit, but could manage with proper consultation. Dr. Katz added that one can't argue that it's worse to have specialized geriatric psych unit, and he wouldn't argue CPMC should staff inappropriately or poorly. However locked hospitalization is not the ideal treatment. The question is where there is an appropriate alternative. He further asked how the Commission should view Proposition Q given that the unit can't properly staff. Proposition Q was not designed to deal with this. He added that DPH does not have a geriatric psych. unit at SFGH.

- Commissioner Sako asked about the capacity at the Jewish Home. CPMC responded that they understand that the Jewish Home does have capacity. They could handle up to 13 patients per day and have been operating at one.

- Commissioner Sanchez expressed his mixed feelings about the closure. CPMC has been focused on excellence. A challenge in San Francisco is that the elderly population is increasing while youth decreasing. Rather than eliminate concept of specialty programs, he hopes that CPMC will look to quality of facility as well as quality of care. He also hopes there is creative thinking about new pathways if resources become available again, including collaboration with other providers. This does provide an opportunity to rethink how care is provided. CPMC responded that CPMC will continue to care for geriatric patients psychiatrically. They are looking to importance of geriatric care generally as move forward. Dr. Goldberg added that CPMC has a lot of expertise in geriatric services, so believes they will be able to develop integrated unit. CPMC is also putting a lot of resources into improving that unit.

- Commissioner Illig stated that he found it hard to believe CPMC can't find geriatric psychiatrists to staff the unit. He added that he believes it is important to have a geriatric

psych. unit. He also asked about the payor mix of patients on the unit. Dr. Goldberg responded that the two who had recently left, one went to practice outpatient geriatric psychiatry and the other went to the non-geriatric unit. Ideally they would have geriatric unit, but can't staff it. As to the payor mix, he estimated that 80 percent were on Medicare with a senior Medicare supplement.

- Commissioner Chow added that the field is attempting to move away from inpatient psychiatric beds. He believed that the Commission had heard a plan for alternative methods to care for these patients, including availability of beds at the Jewish Home.

Action Taken: The Commission adopted a resolution that the closure of the unit will not have a detrimental impact on the health care services of the community by five (Chow, Sako, Sanchez, Tierney, Waters) to one (Illig).

10) OTHER BUSINESS

None.

11) COMMISSIONER REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

12) CLOSED SESSION

A) Public Comments on All Matters Pertaining to the Closed Session

None.

B) Vote on Whether to Hold a Closed Session (San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.11)

The Commission went into closed session at 8:15 p.m. Present in closed session were Commissioner Chow, Commissioner Illig, Commissioner Sako, Commissioner Sanchez, Commissioner Tierney, Commissioner Waters, Mitchell H. Katz, M.D., Health Director, Elizabeth Jacobi, Human Resources Director, and Deputy City Attorney Adelinis Rosemé Warner.

C) Closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 and San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.10(b)

Action Taken: The Commission (Chow, Illig, Sako, Sanchez, Tierney, Waters) approved the settlement of Ma v. City and County of San Francisco.

D) Reconvene in Open Session

The Commission reconvened in open session at 8:30 p.m.

1. Possible Report on Action Taken in Closed Session (Government Code Section 54957.1(a)2 and San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(b)(2).)

2. Vote to Elect Whether to Disclose Any or All Discussions Held in Closed Session. (San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(a).)

Action Taken: The Commission voted not to disclose any discussions held in closed session.

13) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Jim Soos
Acting Health Commission Executive Secretary

San Francisco
Department of Public Health
Mid-year Reductions
FY 2008-2009

November 18, 2008

City-Wide Deficit and DPH Target

Controller's estimate of City-Wide revenue shortfalls

- $90 – $125 million for this fiscal year and continue into the coming year.
- Directly related to the larger economic recession and credit crisis that reduce revenues from Property Transfer, Hotel Occupancy, and Sales Taxes.
- City Charter requires a balanced budget. Therefore mid-year reductions are necessary.

The Health Department is largest in City

- Receives the 32% of a $1.2 billion discretionary general fund, ($410 M)
- Targeted mid-year reduction is $26.7 million, 30% of a $90 million reduction.

Current Year Balancing Plan

In addition to the Mid Year reduction target of 26.7 million, we must also address overspending and revenue shortfalls in the current year that total and additional $25 million.

We have submitted a plan to the Mayor's budget office that addresses $20.5 million of the current year projected deficit.

The plan identifies additional revenues, and a number of one-time savings. In addition, we will need to hold most vacant requisitions until next fiscal year.

The plan included a request to access a $4.6 million prior year surplus, however that request has not yet been approved.

The remainder of our plan is under review. We will continue to monitor our current year financial position and look for opportunities to close the remaining deficit.

Mid-Year Reduction Plan

Mid-year reductions must be taken from our current operating budget and general fund allocation. Our 08-09 budget was reduced $30.8 million in general fund, comprised of $28.8 million in reductions in the approved budget and $2.0 million in additional reductions taken in August to restore City General Fund Reserves. Following is the breakdown of reductions to City Services and Community Based Organizations taken from the 2008-09 budget:

Reductions Taken 2008-09	Base Budget	Cut to Restore Reserves	Total	Percent
Community Based Organizations	$1,818,630	$979,111	$2,797,741	9%
City Programs	$27,010,313	$986,380	$27,996,713	91%
Total	$28,828,943	$1,965,491	$30,794,454	100%

The Board restored $18.7 million in proposed reductions. $15.6 million, (83%) to community based organizations.

Mid-Year Reduction Plan

Our initial review of our budget focused on those items that we had proposed for reduction in our 2008-09 budget and were restored. These were items that had been previously reviewed and accepted and included in the Mayor's budget. While many of the reductions are comprised of items previously restored, the reduction list also includes several new initiatives and additional reductions to Department personnel costs.

We have not been able to achieve a full $26.7 million in reductions and are working with the Mayor's Budget Office to identify additional reductions. At this time we have identified mid-year reductions that produce current year savings of $9,966,575 and annual savings for the 09-10 year of $21,521,502.

Mid-Year Reduction Plan - Revenues

Description	2008-09 Net General Fund	2009-10 Net General Fund
08-09 Increased Revenue SFGH	(3,000,000)	(3,000,000)
Increase Cafeteria Pricing	(22,500)	(45,000)
	(3,022,500)	(3,045,000)

Mid-Year Reduction Plan – Expenditures

Description	2008-09 Net General Fund	2009-10 Net General Fund
Asthma Task Force	(102,000)	(102,000)
Behavioral Health Outpatient Reduction	(1,277,536)	(2,787,352)
Behavioral Health Outreach Reduction	(920,030)	(2,007,337)
Delay Bayview Health Initiative	(75,000)	
Restructure Trauma Recovery Center and the Child and Adolescent Support and Advocacy Resource Center.	(338,331)	(671,692)
Supplies for Shelters	(156,000)	(200,000)

Mid-Year Reduction Plan – Expenditures

Description	2008-09 Net General Fund	2009-10 Net General Fund
Provide Mental Health Services only to persons with serious mental illness	(654,368)	(1,330,483)
Complimentary Therapies	(155,000)	(310,000)
HIV Prevention	(1,131,720)	(2,188,440)
STD Selective Testing	(72,500)	(145,000)
Closure of housing projects in need of rehabilitation	(61,389)	(323,650)
Reduction of funding for the Crisis Response Team/SFGH Emergency Housing Program	(151,684)	(364,042)

Mid-Year Reduction Plan – Expenditures

Description	2008-09 Net General Fund	2009-10 Net General Fund
SRO Collaborative	(148,828)	(357,187)
Medical Patch for Adult Day Health Center	(20,000)	(40,000)
Reductions in Primary Care Community Programs - HSF Providers	(141,700)	(283,400)
Reductions in Primary Care Community Programs - Non-HSF Providers	(104,759)	(209,517)
Conversion of One 21 Bed Acute Psych Unit to a Non-Acute unit	(139,902)	(559,608)
Convert all CNAs to MEAs for all units except SNF and BHC	(283,155)	(679,571)

Mid-Year Reduction Plan – Expenditures

Description	2008-09 Net General Fund	2009-10 Net General Fund
Transition EKG Technician to Medical Evaluation Assistant (MEA)	(6,344)	(15,225)
Security Outsource	(695,497)	(3,561,998)
Administrative Position Reductions	(208,333)	(500,000)
Elimination of vacant positions		(1,920,000)
Total	9,966,576	21,821,502

Mid-Year Reduction Plan – Next Steps

Conclusion

We have been advised that it is necessary to find a full $26.7 million in current year reductions.

We will continue to work with the Mayor's Budget Office and our Health Commission to identify additional reductions while preserving essential services to our clients and residents of San Francisco consistent with our mission.

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Integration of Psychiatry Services at CPMC Pacific and Davies Campuses

Presentation to the Health Commission
18 November 2008

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INTRODUCTION OF TEAM MEMBERS

- Dr. David Goldberg, acting Chairman Department of Psychiatry
- Dr. Michael Valan, Chief Consultation Liaison Psychiatry
- Mary Lanier, RN, MS, CAO Davies Campus, VP Psychiatry

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OVERVIEW

- Brief History
- Recruitment and Retention Challenges
- Plans for Continued Geriatric Patient Care
- CPMC Employee Impact

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Psychiatry Services at CPMC

- Pacific Campus Inpatient and Outpatient services for over 30 years
- Highly respected and successful Psychiatry Residency Training Program
- Growing specialty and consultation services to all CPMC campuses and service lines

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Psychiatry Services at CPMC – cont.

- Davies Campus joined in 1998.
- Geriatric Psychiatry Services added to continuum of care.
- Built positive reputation in community
- 80% of patients from within CPMC.
- Census of 10-12 patients daily

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Psychiatry Faculty Coverage Challenges

- Department target was to have three unit-based geriatric psychiatrists
- Target was never reached despite significant investment in advertising positions and recruiting graduating staff
- Crises in 2007 – succession of three resignations in 9 months. Final resignation in June 2008

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How to proceed?

- Since June 2008, unit has limited part, time psychiatrist coverage
- Census limited to 3-5 patients per day.
- After significant dialogue with faculty, administration, medical staff and community leaders/providers, integration of services at the Pacific campus is planned for January 2009.

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Plan for Continued Patient Care

- Integrate all inpatient services to Pacific Campus
- Increase Psychiatry consultation services at all campuses
- Agreement in place to transfer patients as appropriate to The Jewish Home geriatric psychiatry unit.

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Plan for Continued Patient Care – cont.

- Exploring options for increased use of 12 older adult residential treatment beds at Rypins/Carroll House
- Invest in facility improvements on Unit 23 Pacific Campus
- Invest in increased RN staffing on Unit 23, combining adult and geriatric nursing expertise.

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CPMC Staff Impact

- Department management working with Human Resources and individual staff to identify all options for continued employment with CPMC
- Severance package provided for those employees that can not move within CPMC

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QUESTIONS?

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AGENDA

SPECIAL HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, November 25, 2008
At
SPECIAL TIME:
3:00 p.m.
101 GROVE STREET, ROOM 300
San Francisco, CA 94102

[redacted]

1) **CALL TO ORDER**

2) **PROPOSED ACTION:** **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF NOVEMBER 18, 2008**
**Minutes of the meeting of November 18, 2008*

3) **FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:** **PRESENTATION OF MID-YEAR BUDGET REDUCTIONS AND CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION MAKING FINDINGS**
(Gregg Sass, Chief Financial Officer)

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4) **OTHER BUSINESS****

5) **ADJOURNMENT**

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1) CALL TO ORDER

President Illig called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

Present: President James M. Illig
Vice President Sonia E. Melara
Commission Edward A. Chow (arrived 3:20 pm)
Commissioner David J. Sanchez
Commissioner Steven Tierney
Commissioner Catherine M. Waters (arrived 3:10 pm)

Absent: Commissioner Margine A. Sako

2) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF NOVEMBER 18, 2008

Action Taken: The Commission (Illig, Melara, Sanchez, Tierney) voted to approve the minutes of November 18, 2008 with a change that the Commission voted to approve the settlement discussed in closed session.

3) PRESENTATION OF MID-YEAR BUDGET REDUCTIONS AND CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION MAKING FINDINGS

Gregg Sass, CFO, presented an update on the FY 2008-09 mid-year budget reductions, including an additional $9 million in mid-year cuts for a total of $17.7 million toward the target of $26.7 million. A copy of Mr. Sass' PowerPoint presentation is attached and incorporated into these minutes.

Commission Comments:

- Commissioner Tierney asked about the extent of mental health and substance abuse cuts. Mr. Sass responded that being consistent with Prop. T. Dr. Bob Cabaj added that there were no cuts to residential and that 50 percent of outpatient and 75 percent of Methadone and methamphetamine treatment. He added that a new RFP for Prop. 63 funds would be released in June.
- Commissioner Illig began Public Comment by stating that no one wants to make these cuts. He added that the Commission will be communicating this with Mayor and Board of Supervisors, and believes that required cuts could be coming from other parts of City. The Commission will include funding priorities as part of the Beilenson hearing. He also stated that the public should make its priorities clear to the Mayor's Office as well.

Public Comment:

Christopher Dodenhoff: SRO tenant representative in Central City SRO Collaborative. Resides in SRO. Without SRO collaborative, don't know where he'd be today. Doesn't want cuts to the collaboratives. Do a lot of work related to bed bugs, fire safety, etc.

Brynn Kennedy: Undergrad at UCSC and intern at Central City SRO Collaborative. Reconsider cuts to SRO collaboratives. Only orgs. doing outreach to SRO tenants. Work being done is important.

Walter James: Tenant rep at Central City SRO Collaborative. Cuts would affect staff and tenant reps. $148,000 helps. Many people depressed, on drugs. People will come to collaboratives.

Alexandra Goldman: Restoration of cuts to all Collaboratives. Important that buildings are up to code, etc., but most important thing is to help people get power to improve their lives. Without collaboratives would drastically reduce ability to help residents.

Jeff Buckley: Director of Central City of SRO Collaborative. Understands difficult decisions. However, cutting collaboratives effectively cuts the safety net of DPH. Imagine what conditions would be in the City without the Central City Collaborative. Pay meager stipend to 29 tenant representatives. Provide alternative to isolation and drugs. Please don't cut safety net.

Peter Masiak: Organizer with Central City SRO Collaborative. Without Collaboratives no visitor policy, more fires, evictions, preventable overdoses, etc. Might save a few hundred thousand dollars. Eliminate the Community Justice Center instead. Burden should be shared equally.

Chris Strayhorn: Central City SRO Collaborative. Ever been to Hyde and Turk? Deal with things that people don't want to deal with. Walk neighborhood and see people who are helped.

Kai Zehm: Volunteer at Central City SRO Collaborative. People without other places to go, go to Collaborative. Not a lot of other people in neighborhood helping. Here to say thank you, but find money in other places.

Scott Dennis: Resident of Tenderloin, and volunteer at Central City Collaborative. Help people without other places to turn. Find resources for residents. Put together assistance directory. Comparing cost of people in jail vs. subsidized housing is much worse.

Elaine Jones: Lives in senior building. Seniors come into building from jail or streets, many handicapped. Collaborative helps people get food, get wheelchairs fixed, get elevator fixed. Been with Collaborative a couple months and knows that this is the place she wants to be. People care about seniors.

Joseles De la Cruz: Tenant organizer with Central City SRO Collaborative. Help build community and serve as resource to tenants. Collaboratives empower people. Getting rid of Collaboratives will take away power. Please restore.

Antoinetta III: Baldwin House tenant representative. Isolation is very common. Found corpses in rooms. More outreach and organizing helps isolation. All of cuts are life threatening. These represent needs not wants.

Jennifer Friedenbach: Coalition on Homelessness. Rush to dangerous game. Cuts are based on assumption that Board will restore. Saves mayor's pet programs. Make resolutions today that save lives of homeless people. Concerned about Caduceus Outreach cuts and SRO Collaborative cuts. Both meet Commission's priorities. Stand up to Mayor. Cut additional management positions.

Rod Libbey: Commend DPH staff on work. Won't be satisfactory to all. Walden House closing adolescent inpatient. Look at contracting process. Small contracts even with percentage cuts have hard time making units while larger contracts with same percentage can get by.

Richard Hemenez: Walden House. President of SF Substance Abuse Providers. Many providers will be challenged to survive. Most people engaged in methamphetamine treatment in programs cuts will be back on street engaging in high risk behavior.

Larry Nelson: Thank you. Know Commission has our backs. Appreciates question about outpatient cuts. Impact will be thousands of people.

Miguel. Carrera: Children, homeless, families in SROs or shelters not responsible for cuts. Mayor is responsible. Why does he do these things? Need someone in City Hall who thinks about these people. Mayor needs to give money back to SROs, families, and children.

Jesus Perez: Community organizer with Central City SRO Collaborative working South of Market. Leave money for families and children.

Carman Gallegos: Here representing families of the Tenderloin. Ask not to cut program because will hurt families. Has four children, who are small, and live in small apartment. Reconsider cuts. If you cut program will have more people on streets. Please don't cut.

Mattias Mormino: SRO Families Collaborative. Focus on budget principles. Minimize cuts on vulnerable populations, including homeless, poor, health disparities, etc. People they work with fit all of these categories. Collaborative is a model of efficiency. Stand up to Mayor.

Miriam Huerta: Participating in Coalition on Homeless a long time. Please don't cut services of SRO Families Collaborative. Has five children. Will be hard for us and for all families. Will be at a loss without collaborative.

Ruben Valderrama: Testified many times at Board of Supervisors. Have heard Board make promises to families. Help children who would be hardest hit by cuts and end up on street.

Jorge Portillo: Program Coordinator at Mission SRO Collaborative. Have difficult decision. Wants to point out that including DBI funding for Collaboratives. On SRO Task Force, DBI funding is not guaranteed for this year. Without DBI funds and with DPH cuts would eliminate collaboratives. Agrees with DPH belief that housing is healthcare.

Wendy Phillips: Program Director at Dolores St. Community Services. Facing hard budget times. Need to make cuts at program as well. Whatever administrative consolidations can be made should be made. Mayor has made homelessness a priority. SRO collaborative cuts will increase homelessness.

Hua Yua: Peer organizer for SRO families collaborative. Sees importance of work for families. When do not have program, do not know where to go. Do not know how to reach out or get help. As peer organizer, families can help each other and work together to fight for rights and improve conditions. Helps families have a voice. Please restore funding.

Lisa Moy: Project Coordinator for Chinatown SRO Collaborative. Works closely with families. Have many projects. Work with 400 families in 12 blocks of Chinatown. Families looking for better lives in the US. Work with immigrants who are working hard to assimilate. Many services out there that families don't know about. They provide link.

Angela Chu: SRO Families Collaborative. One of best things about DPH is funding of SRO projects. Affirms that homes are health. Send a message to Mayor: We are seeing families leaving San Francisco and hundreds of families who live in poverty.

Dr. Eddy Machtinger: UCSF +SHE Program. Sexual health program. Cuts to HIV prevention will have disproportionate impact on woman and transgenders. Budget reduction to under $100,000. Impact would be evisceration of prevention for positives for minority women.

Brenda Barros: Works at SFGH. People left after cuts will be expected to do work of skilled people with unskilled workers. People making cuts don't know how these program work. Asking people to take that much of a cut is horrendous.

John Melone: Senior Action Network. 30,000 strong in SF. Recent convention theme was the war, our economy and ourselves. Asking not one penny cut from Laguna Honda Hospital.

Alexandra Kutik: Budget and planning that goes on in Department and with people served. Need reality based budgeting and planning. CBHS contract cuts will "shrink but not cut" services. Was language from last year's budget. Nothing to do with reality. Quality of services will be impacted.

Regina Mitchell: Works in psych. emergency. Dept. always on "red." Police, etc. always calling to find out status. Reminds of when Governor Reagan let everyone go from Atascadero. Have police at SFGH who know how to handle people. Security guards will not work. Begging not to get rid of staff at psych. emergency.

David Knego: Believes Commission has a lot of power to guide staff. Doesn't see names attached to cuts. Need to consider size of programs and agencies. Also hears about vulnerable populations, but many do not receive services or are home bound.

Anthony Philip: LGBT Community Center. SNAP provides HIV prevention for new MSM arrivals in SF. One client recently released from prison now sous-chef.

Charles Rivera: Budget neutral proposal coming from Laguna Honda. ADHC at LHH is culturally competent and is a safety net program. Recently moved from Clarendon to new location. Maintained average daily attendance of 50. Received best practice award. Flagship safety net program.

LaNay Eastman: Executive Director of SF Adult Day Services Network. Centers collaborate to leverage services. Network works to help them find resources. Are ADHCs in City facing State cuts, so closing LHH ADHC will put strain on other ADHCs.

Maureen Dick: Speaking on behalf of LHH ADHC. Has work responsibilities and has mom with dementia. Needs care during the day while she's at work. Without LHH ADHC her mother would have to stay home alone.

Michael Discepola: SF AIDS Program Director. Stonewall Project is drug and alcohol program for gay men and MSMs. Only program working with methamphetamine serving gay and bisexual men. Cut would be staggering to program and clients. Substance abuse treatment and prevention is very cost effective.

Sherrie Matza: Have no doubt that want to do the right thing. Here regarding LHH cuts. Except for one ADHC in SF, all others closed to new clients. 100 daily clients would not be able to get into a like program. People in program need to be there. Her mother was in the program. Helped her go to work and get respite. Gave her mother a lot as well.

Josh Vining: Community Organizer with Mission SRO Collaborative. Collaboritives do excellent job of stretch funds they receive. Helps to train existing leaders in the community. Do a lot of good work with a little bit of money. Work also in prevention. Fire and disaster preparedness.

Bob Rykicki: Westside Community Services. Speaking in support of resolution. Walk in crisis clinic has seen numbers increasing at same time being asked to cut five percent.

Carla Wilson: Complementary therapies are key services. Elimination of complementary services does not affect maintenance of effort. Doesn't understand what that means.

Carmen Hensey: Nurse at CASARC. One in four girls and one in four boys will be sexually abused as children. Who will care for these young victims? Staff is multidisciplinary. Work with other agencies in community to get services for their clients. Skilled at getting information from children regarding sexual abuse that is key to prosecution.

Elaine Martin: Scheduled to be laid off from CASARC. Understands need to make cuts. Her co-worker is only Spanish speaker at CASARC. She only African-American nurse. Serve a large percentage of Spanish speaking and African-American clients. Who is looking at diversity?

Jimmy Loyce: Black Coalition on AIDS. Thank you for message being sent to Mayor. Want to put face on HIV prevention services that will be cut. These are significant cuts to agency that delivers services to African-American MSMs. Community that is devastated and has huge health disparities.

Patrick Monette-Shaw: LHH employee using benefits time to speak. Speaking on behalf of LHH ADHC. Will increase institutionalization with elimination of 168 ADHC slots. Other ADHCs cannot absorb these clients. Exacerbate perception that LHH not working with other community providers.

Kavoos Bassiri: Director of RAMS. Oppose such cuts. Provide essential healthcare services that clients need. Appreciate across the board cuts as way to make cuts. Concern about serious nature of substance abuse service cuts.

Kate Sorensen: Program Director for Stop AIDS. Have RV and go into community to do testing. Spoke with 40 men one night in Castro and tested 10. Recently stopped testing for other STIs. People were upset. Found 18 percent difference among men who are HIV positive.

Kyriell Noon: HIV prevention held harmless for a reason. Prevention works. Decrease in unprotected sex among people who participate vs. those who don't. An ounce of prevention worth a pound of cure.

Leo Olson: Citizens Advisory Board of Senior Nutrition Program at LHH. Serve hot meals for seniors who live in neighborhood. Many are alone. Hard to cook a balanced meal when can't see stove. Need to find funds to continue this needed program. SF is humane place to live and we should continue in that vein.

Youroslav Shcheglov: Daughter at LHH for eight years and in day care. LHH is a specific organization. Look wider for cuts if possible. Speaking against LHH ADHC cut.

Melinda Pierson: Speaking for Jacob Moody. With Black Coalition on AIDS. Part of shrinking population of African Americans in SF. Disturbed that HIV programs for women are being cut. Gets calls from other parts of country. Please reconsider cutting services to women with HIV.

Marykate Connor: Caduceus Outreach. Her program mistakenly put into outreach category. Provide psychiatric services by volunteer psychiatrists as well as other direct services. Look for alternatives to punitive methods. Serve people with substance abuse, homeless, highest disparities. Please correct error.

Felizia Noughton: Program Director of a Women's Place. Freaking out. Means cut of 13 beds. Every program that receives a cut will impact her services. New meaning to Care not Cash. Emphasis on "not Cash."

Max Haptonstahl: Mobile Assistance Program. 24-hour service for people on street. Included in five percent reduction. Means one-and-a-half to two full-time staff. More worried about impacts

on more vulnerable people ending up on streets in need of MAP. Know will carry message forward.

Ralph Fen, M.D.: Psychiatrist at Family Service Agency providing services in board and care homes. Ultimately save City money. Without services clients get picked up by police and taken to SFGH psych. emergency. Cycle broken when placed in board and care homes.

Jeff Hall: Legislative Affairs with SF AIDS Foundation. Appreciates exemption of needle exchange funding cuts. Other prevention cuts will impact clients and destabilize vulnerable safety net. Stonewall cuts will be devastating.

Mikhail: From LHH ADHC. Veteran of WWII. LHH is my home and my everything. Live in Park Merced. People at LHH take care of me. Without it, there is no place for me to go. Thankful for LHH.

Steve Hodge: Here with his mother who is a client at LHH. Look into your hearts and find a way to keep this program open. Mother is 88 and has dementia. Would be tragic to lose it. Wonderful staff and volunteers. Mother gets elevated by program. Keep program open.

Ken Reggio: Episcopal Community Services. Elimination of services at LeNain and Pacific Bay. Strong record of success at these programs. Get commendable ratings from DPH monitors. Being eliminated with substitution of DPH staff on basis that it's less expensive and Medi-Cal billable. Dangerous precedent of cutting non-profit partner to save civil service staff.

Kevin Sharps: Housing Services Director at ECS. High housing stability numbers. Takes dedicated staff to work with clients in difficult positions in lives. Begs question of why cutting community partner with 99 percent housing stability. Sensitive to budget difficulties. But residents have a great deal based on stability of relationships with current staff.

Hwei-Li Chou: Here for mother and others who feel they have no voice about the cuts at LHH. LHH means a lot to clients. Gives hope for the elderly. Elderly have a hard time adjusting to new situations. Be compassionate for those with no voice.

Marc Johnson: Mother-in-law in ADHC. Need environment of peers. Prior to LHH she was isolated. Must be some other way.

Juliana: From Nigeria. At LHH ADHC. Speaking against LHH ADHC cuts.

Cecilia: Heard yesterday that were going to close LHH ADHC. Speaking against cuts.

Doris Yee: Coordinator of LHH ADHC. Please don't close and take program home away from participants. Like a family. Participants tell her how program gives them a reason to live. Don't take away one senior nutrition meal.

Cathy Phillips: At LHH ADHC for 28 years. Like a family. When other participants have no where else to go, can come to LHH ADHC. Last hope for many families. Have many success stories. Please don't close program.

Monique Al Amin: Program Coordinator for ADCRC program. Coming to advocate for residents. One of only two Alzheimer's day care programs in SF. Many clients have no where else to go.

Other ADCRCs are full. Serve high level of care. Provide Occupational and Physical Therapy. Keep ADHC open.

Ricky Ng: Work as medical social worker at LHH ADHC. Story of monolingual Cantonese speaking elderly woman. Suffers from memory loss. Daughter is reluctant to transfer to skilled nursing facility. Urge to keep LHH ADHC open.

Alice Wok: Music Therapist at LHH ADHC. Serve diverse population. Serve multilingual clients and use music to bring people together and improve quality of life. Asked clients what would happen if center closes. Most said would stay at home alone.

Bea Wong: Works as RN at LHH ADHC. All participants have multiple medical problems. Need nursing monitoring and many have memory and behavioral problems. Cannot stay at home alone. Come to center so families can go to work. Consider needs of elderly. Wants ADHC to remain open.

K. Borodulina: 95 year old Russian speaking woman with many problems living alone with only a little help from caregivers. WWII survivor. At LHH is at home. Doesn't speak English and has no way other than LHH ADHC to get by.

Marie Walker: Works for senior nutrition at LHH ADHC serving 40 seniors per day. Many seniors get only meal of the day at LHH ADHC.

Rita Connolly: RN working at Jail Health Services. Don't hear a lot from jail staff. Have patients in 50s, 60s, 70s and 80s. Don't get medical care in other places. Sort out amazing problems. Three cuts proposed at San Bruno. A small staff, so three nursing cuts is unconscionable.

Bill Hirsh: AIDS Legal Referral Panel. Seems like endless déjà vu. Hard to consider these cuts over and over. Nice to have Mayor's staff present, but would be nice to have Mayor present to hear about effects of cuts.

Larry Bevan: This is an unwinable situation. Tired of hearing politicians not telling the truth. Bringing back tent cities and dangerous Market St. Will result in more revenue problems because won't have tourist tax revenue.

John Owles: Thank you for giving respect to all of the speakers with heart breaking stories. Wife with Alzheimer's who goes to LHH ADHC. Didn't know anything about giving care to person with Alzheimer's. Caring for wife for ten years. Without LHH couldn't have made it.

James Keys: Member of Mental Health Board. Stands for everyone who opposes cuts to mental health services. Please do not let Mayor send these people back onto the streets and into jail.

Theresa Cahill: RN at SFGH. Concerned about cuts to RNs at SFGH outpatient clinics and replacement with MEAs. Patient safety and care will be compromised. Try to keep patients out of ED. Part of chronic care management team.

Gayling Gee: Associate Administrator at LHH. ADHC provides vital service. Staff is multicultural, multilingual and multi-talented. Staff is concerned about loss of service for clients. Worked diligently to present budget-neutral proposal. Allow to submit proposal.

Viktor Kirienko: Father of client in LHH ADHC. Disabled as a result of motorcycle accident. In a wheelchair. Found a place where he can feel at home. Staff is great. Hope that financial adjustment will allow program to stay open.

Athene Ochoa: Regarding closure of ADHC at LHH. Clients transported from home. Need exercise and balanced diet. Hoping closure won't happen. Will not receive care that they should have.

Maria Kinney: Father in law is civil engineer. At 83 not doing very well. Juggling having small child and elderly father in law. Couldn't give care that he needed. Keep beds available in SF.

Ed Warshauer: Representing SEIU. Need to mitigate if not eliminate these cuts. Need complete hard scrub of every dollar in SF. Not convinced that the hard scrub has been done. Every community program has an executive director and every department, no matter how small, has a director. Are also contract violations in proposal. United on A, N, O and Q.

Alexandra Byerly: With El-La. Transgender Latina organization. Any funding cuts will jeopardize program. Only Latina transgender program. Please reconsider funding cuts.

Stanley Wong: Father at LHH ADHC who suffers from Parkinson's. Difficulty swallowing food. Greeted by friendly staff. Enjoys music therapy and singing. Many occasions to observe program. Staff is wonderful. Clients help other clients. Wide diversity of clients. Hate for program to close.

Rochelle Savola: At SEIU 1021. Speaking for those who couldn't be here to speak for themselves. Only publicly funded ADHC in SF. Not a transparent process. Affect families of clients as well as clients themselves. Terrible budget time, but center saves money. In kind services by being sited in LHH. Draws down Medi-Cal dollars. Won't honor Chambers settlement.

Annie Abello: Husband with dementia goes to LHH ADHC. Goes five days per week and he loves it and would go every day. Staff is friendly and helpful. Will miss if it closes. Only place can go during the day.

Rev. Norman Fong: Chinatown CDC. Great resource for the City. One of the best programs that DPH and DBI fund is the SRO collaborative. Poverty in Chinatown is terrible. Please don't cut program in Chinatown, Tenderloin, or Mission. Don't listen to Mayor trying to force all cuts on you.

Commission Comments:

- Commissioner Illig requested that Catherine Dodd, Deputy Chief of Staff for Mayor Gavin Newsom respond. Ms. Dodd stated that she knows that last week's testimony was as compelling as this week's. These cuts were not the Mayor's idea. All departments are facing similar cuts. The City expanded many programs when we were flush, and we're no longer flush. Furthermore, the City must have a balanced budget. The City has reserves of only $25 million, so they wouldn't even cover the Health Department cuts. Furthermore, they do not even take into account the cuts that will be coming from the State. The Mayor counting on DPH to put forth cuts that preserve services for the most vulnerable. She thanked the Commission for its diligence, and added that we have to do this together. This is not an "us vs. those across the street" situation.

- Commissioner Illig asked whether the budget neutral proposal from the LHH ADHC is viable. John Kanaley, Administrator for LHH responded that he was given a short time to make cuts and that he tried to make them budget neutral. He added that the ADHC staff has been diligent. The proposal adds a census of 13 additional clients with partial reductions in staff time. He believed that the proposal looks pretty good at first blush, and agreed to review it further with the finance staff and bring it back to the Commission.

- Commissioner Sanchez state that they had QA at LHH on Wednesday. It would be great if staff proposal would work. Glad that staff and community shared what they did and it's why we have these hearings to hear alternate proposals and ideas. LaNay Eastman from SF Adult Day Services Network stated that her organization is willing to support the proposal also.

- Commissioner Chow asked on the ADHC item, if the proposal works out, would Finance be amenable. Mr. Sass responded the he hasn't seen it, so can't comment, but knows that no one in DPH wants to make these cuts. He knows other programs have had adult day programs, which have been financially difficult. The LHH ADHC requires a $400,000 general fund subsidy. If it's workable, he's disappointed it wasn't brought forward sooner, but willing to look at and consider. Commissioner Chow added that he's concerned about other vulnerable populations as well. In looking at other types of cuts, are efficiencies being looked at in other programs as well. Are savings possible without cutting services? For example in clinics, is it possible need to see more clients per hour. Need to look for increased productivity if are going to maintain services. Mr. Sass responded that the only real opportunity we have in clinic system is to improve productivity and through puts without increasing costs. It doesn't work at two patients per hour. The clinics have facilities layout problems along with a difficult patient population to care for. Probably can't ever be Kaiser, but need to see more than two patients per hour. Dr. Chow added that many of the needs being seen at physician level, should be cared for by non-physician staff.

- Commissioner Melara stated that she's in agreement with what's been said. She added that the Department needs to become more entrepreneurial. Many of the private providers are doing services more efficiently than civil service. She stated her agreement with Ms. Dodd's statement that we're in this together. Need to look at union agreements that are giving pay increases while others being laid off. Set asides should also be reconsidered, and we should be considering these set asides when making cuts. Children's programs could be divested to DCYF, for example.

- Commissioner Illig stated that the Beilenson hearing should give priorities to the Mayor for cuts. Concerned about SRO cuts as well as Caduceus, and the Women's Resource Center. We need to consider further administrative cuts as well as an Executive Director salary cap for non-profit providers. He added that we still need to find $9 million more. Mr. Sass responded that it's not optimal to provide salary for many CEOs, CFOs, billing system, etc. It's likely that consolidation will be a result of this process, because some agencies will survive. The process started with targeted cuts to specific providers and some CEOs came back and said they should be across the board. None of this is desirable. He added that he now has a list of HIV prevention cuts that can be added. In explaining column 1 of table the Finance staff provided, the Prop. J cuts are the $2 million in cuts as a result of not contracting out security through the Prop. J.

- Commissioner Waters stated that it's very distressing that we need to go through this over and over again. We need to look at ways business can be done better and more efficiently, and we need to look at the impacts of DPH programs. RWJ is currently looking at the efficiency of public health departments across the country. She added that we also need to look seriously at the LHH proposal. She stated that she has heard over the past three-and-half hours that the process is tiring and demoralizing. She recognizes the difficulty of the financial times, but is not sure how we can do this again. She also recognizes that there's a cycle here that needs to be broken. We should forecast five to ten years in the future. Need to look at efficiency of how we do business. Mr. Sass responded that there are a number of proposals on list that attempt to make us more efficient, e.g., consolidation of behavioral health into primary care. It's been difficult in two weeks to do this type of work and make these types of cuts and find efficiencies. The Controller's Report for example found that SFGH is very efficient when compared to other public and private providers. He questioned the myth that we are working in largely inefficient system. Comparing us with private providers there are two big differences: income is dependent upon payor mix and number of clients seen. We don't control our payor mix and no providers in our system are paid based upon efficiency.

- Commissioner Sanchez stated that these programs are models of excellence that have taken ten years to develop. Providers are not being cut because they are doing poor job. Hopefully change will come from Washington. These types of service should be a priority. Unfortunately we are operating with funding for 50 to 60 percent of capacity.

- Commissioner Chow stated that the City faces a real financial crisis. Mr. Sass replied that we could come out at end of year with a balanced budget at what we're currently receiving. Problem is with external funding sources (City, State) that are reducing funding to us. Commissioner Chow asked for example why do we need four collaboratives? Some of this budget cutting might drive innovation. On the UCSF affiliation agreement, has the Dean's Office has confirmed that the cuts are viable? Mr. Sass responded that there could be an impact on service that has an impact on revenue. It's still a work in progress, but w needed to give UC same cut that others faced. Commissioner Chow asked whether the Jail Health cuts could leave us open to potential lawsuits. Mr. Sass responded that some are vacant positions and we are managing without those positions. He added that Dr. Katz did speak with Dr. Goldenson regarding the viability of these cuts, and the he is not always privy to these discussions. He added that we are ahead of projections on Jail Health staffing savings. Ms. Kronenberg agreed to follow up on Jail Health staffing. Commissioner Chow asked why funding was cut more for the Families Collaborative than for other collaboratives. Ms. Kronenberg replied that it's a remnant of history and that much of funding is work-ordered through DBI. The cuts were discussed at SRO Task Force and the Collaboratives are amenable to cooperating to prioritize cuts.

  Action Taken: The Commission (Illig, Melara, Chow, Sanchez. Waters) approved the resolution with the title amended to "Urging the Mayor to Protect Funding for Critical Programs and Services of the Department of Public Health."

4) OTHER BUSINESS

None.

5) **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 pm

James M. Soos
Acting Health Commission Executive Secretary

San Francisco
Department of Public Health
Mid-year Reductions Update
FY 2008-2009

November 23, 2008

Mid-Year Reduction Plan – Current Status

We have identified additional mid year cuts totaling $9M.

Our total progress towards the $26.7M Target is $17.7M. An additional $9.0M remains to reach the Targeted reduction.

We have included an across-the-board reduction to Community Behavioral Health Contracts valued at $4.8M as a new initiative . This necessitated a $1.25M reduction in our November 14 cuts to Behavioral Health Contracts to avoid duplication.

Mid-Year Reduction Plan – Current Status

Reduction target for 2008-09		$26.7M
Submitted Friday, November 14	$8.6M	
Submitted Friday, November 21	9.1M	17.7M
Remaining		$9.0M

Mid-Year Reduction Plan – Revisions to Previous Initiatives

Description	2008-09 Net General Fund	2009-10 Net General Fund
Asthma Task Force	(77,000)	(112,000)
Behavioral Health Outpatient Reduction	(245,834)	(536,365)
Behavioral Health Outreach Reduction	(699,583)	(1,526,360)
Convert all CNAs to Nursing Care Assistants for all units except SNF and BHC	(169,893)	(679,571)
Management Reductions and Efficiencies.	(250,000)	(600,000)

The revisions to these initiatives represent a net reduction in cuts totaling $1.3M for the current year and $2.6M for 2009-10. The most significant being $1.2M Behavioral Health reductions which were duplicative of a new across-the-board 5% reduction to contracted services valued at $4.8M.

Mid-Year Reduction Plan – New Initiatives

Description	2008-09 Net General Fund	2009-10 Net General Fund
Closure of Adult Day Health Center at LHH	(175,032)	(421,997)
Health at Home	(404,521)	(970,852)
Jail Health	(245,000)	(513,025)
5% cut to UC Affiliation Agreement	(1,301,367)	(2,663,087)
Medical High User Program	(152,001)	(364,802)
Close the 4C Clinic on Holidays	(13,402)	(39,952)
Termination of Contracted Case Management Services at Two Housing Sites and Replaced With MediCal Billable Staff	(272,721)	(654,530)

Mid-Year Reduction Plan – New Initiatives

Description	2008-09 Net General Fund	2009-10 Net General Fund
Reductions Community Behavioral Health Contracts	(4,775,988)	(11,462,370)
5% reduction in CBHS civil service clinics	(355,655)	(769,138)
Convert Unit Clerks to Clerks in Certain Outpatient Areas	(189,632)	(455,116)
Convert RN's in Certain Outpatient Clinics to LVNs and MEAs	(599,439)	(1,436,653)
Inpatient LVN Reduction	(523,966)	(1,257,517)
Clinic Co-location and Care Coordination	(35,000)	(293,005)
Total	(9,044,724)	(21,301,044)

Mid-Year Reduction Plan – Next Steps

Conclusion

We will continue to work with the Mayor's Budget Office and our Health Commission to identify additional reductions while preserving essential services to our clients and residents of San Francisco consistent with our mission.

It will be necessary to schedule a Bellenson Hearing before the Health Commission. Possible dates are December 23, 30, or January 6.

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AGENDA

HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, December 2, 2008
At
4:00 p.m.
SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL HOSPITAL CARR AUDITORIUM*
San Francisco, CA 94102

***PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN LOCATION FOR THIS MEETING**

1) **CALL TO ORDER**

2) **PROPOSED ACTION:** **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF NOVEMBER 25, 2008**
**Minutes of the meeting of November 25, 2008*

3) **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT****

4) **FOR DISCUSSION:** **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
(Mitchell H. Katz, M.D., Director of Health)
(Report on activities and operations of the Department)
**Director's Report*

5) **EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARDS**
**List of Awardees*

6) **FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:** **SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL HOSPITAL AND TRAUMA CENTER ANNUAL REPORT**
(Gene O'Connell, SFGHTC Executive Administrator)
**Annual Report*

7) FOR ACTION: **APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNING BODY BYLAWS FOR SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL HOSPITAL AND TRAUMA CENTER**
(Gene O'Connell, SFGHTC Executive Administrator)
**Governing Body Bylaws*

8) FOR ACTION: **APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION RENAMING SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL HOSPITAL AND TRAUMA CENTER'S CHILD PROTECTION CENTER IN HONOR OF ELLEN L. WOLFE**
(Gene O'Connell, SFGHTC Executive Administrator)
**Resolution*

9) **OTHER BUSINESS*****

10) **COMMISSIONER REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

11) **ADJOURNMENT**

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MINUTES

HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, December 2, 2008
At
4:00 p.m.
SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL HOSPITAL CARR AUDITORIUM
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1) CALL TO ORDER

President Illig called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

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Present:

President James M. Illig
Vice President Sonia Melara
Commissioner Edward A. Chow, M.D.
Commissioner Margine Sako
Commissioner David J. Sanchez, Ph.D.
Commissioner Steven Tierney, Ed.D.
Commissioner Catherine M. Waters, R.N., Ph.D.

2) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF NOVEMBER 25, 2008

Action Taken: The Commission (Illig, Melara, Chow, Sako, Sanchez, Tierney, Waters) approved the minutes of the meeting of November 25, 2008 without modifications.

3) GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Elaine Martin: CASARC: She's a 2320 RN at CASARC. She realizes that millions need to be cut from the budget, but these cuts shouldn't be at the expense of children. The cuts seem more like hack jobs. These three RN cuts will cost DPH more in the end.

Rachel Abdel: At General Medical Clinic at SFGH. Half of staff at the GMC is being laid off under these cuts. She was speaking against GMC cuts at SFGH and wants to ensure patient safety.

Dr. Margaret Wheeler. She has fifteen years at General Medical Clinic. She is speaking against nursing cuts that are being made at GMC. Patients at GMC have complex chronic medical conditions.

Dr. Michelle Schneiderman: She is speaking against cuts at the Medical High User Program. The Commission needs to look at downstream savings that these programs have. Plus 30 percent of costs are reimbursed through Medi-Cal.

Elyse Miller: She is the Clinical Director of Medical High User Program. She understands the dire nature of city's financial situation. Case management saves wear and tear on staff who see the same patients over and over again, and also helps to improve patient lives.

Damon Francis: Primary Care Resident at General Medical Clinic. He is speaking on behalf of nurses slated for cuts. Patients seen in this clinic are among the sickest patients seen. These full-time nursing positions are working at the limit of their license. Reconsider those cuts.

Eva Del Campo: Nurse at General Medical Clinic. Found out at Wednesday that five or six nurses in the GMC are being cut. Cuts might look good on paper, but not in reality. This clinic provides overflow for high-user program, ED, and other parts of the hospital. Please reconsider these cuts.

Cici Fung: Works on the clinic on 1M, which is one of the busiest clinics at SFGH. The clinic serves many Healthy SF clients and is very committed to patients who are seen.

Commissioner Comments:

- Commissioner Illig noted the devastation of cuts that are being proposed. He urged people to speak to the Mayor, Board of Supervisors, and other policy makers. The Department still needs to come up with $9 million additional cuts to meet the mid-year budget target. The City is facing an unprecedented financial situation.

4) DIRECTOR'S REPORT

DPH Items at the Board of Supervisors
During the week of December 1, Budget & Finance meets on Wednesday. Rules, Joint City & School District Select, and City Operations & Neighborhood Services meet on Thursday. The Land Use & Economic Development Committee and the Full Board are cancelled. The report detailed the ordinances, resolutions, and hearings that are pending.

Tangerine Brigham Named MFAC Recipient
It gives me great pleasure to announce that Tangerine Brigham, Director of Healthy San Francisco, has been named as a recipient of this year's Municipal Fiscal Advisory Committee, (MFAC) 2008 Public Managerial Excellence Award. The MFAC Public Managerial Excellence Awards, sponsored by the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, are dedicated to recognizing outstanding leadership, creativity, and managerial excellence in San Francisco government. Over the last 25 years, more than 100 City employees have been commended for their innovation, imagination and dedication to public service.

Ms. Brigham has an extraordinary history of commitment, dedication and achievement in her tenure with the Department and to the residents of San Francisco and the Healthy San Francisco initiative. She will be honored at an Awards Ceremony in February, 2009. I know the Health Commission joins me in congratulating Ms. Brigham for this meritorious recognition.

The Green Business Program, a collaboration between DPH and the Department of the Environment, was among the teams nominated. Virginia St. Jean, Hazardous Materials Inspector, is the Department's representative to the Green Business Program.

Previous MFAC winners who are currently working for the Department have included Steven Koneffklatt, Gene O'Connell, Cheryl Austin, Nancy Wong, Sharon Kotabe, Sue Currin, Barbara Garcia, Diana Guevara, Sai-Ling Chan-Sew, Nelly Lee, Rajiv Bhatia, MD, Judith Klain and Marc Trotz.

Sue Currin Appointed as COO for SFGH
It gives me great pleasure to announce the appointment of Sue Currin, RN, MSN, to the SFGH Chief Operating Officer position effective immediately. Sue has been the Chief Nursing Officer for the last eight years, providing leadership and management of all aspects of patient care services at SFGH. She began her career at SFGH as a nurse and has since served in a variety of capacities, including Director of Quality Management at SFGH and Director of Quality Management for the entire Community Health Network. She left DPH for two years to work as the Quality and Service Leader for the East Bay Service Area of Kaiser Permanente Hospital and Health Plan, overseeing quality, risk and medical staff affairs programs across four medical centers, multiple ambulatory sites, home health, hospice, and contracted services.

Ms. Currin received her graduate degree from the University of California, San Francisco. She participated in the National Association of Public Hospitals Patient Safety and Healthcare Policy Fellowship Programs in 2005 and 2006. Currently, she is participating in the California HealthCare Foundation Health Care Leadership Fellowship Program 2007 - 2009.

Ms. Currin received special recognition for hospital fiscal management from the Municipal Fiscal Advisory Committee to the Mayor in 2007 and the Association of California Nurse Leaders Excellence in Nursing award in 2008. Over the past four years, Ms. Currin has received $6.2 million in grants to fund a Nursing Internship Program for new graduates, the Medication Error Reduction Project, Patient Safety Initiatives, and a Transitional Care Program.

Ms. Currin will continue to work collaboratively with staff at all levels of SFGH on the many opportunities and challenges that lie ahead. Please join me in congratulating Sue Currin on her promotion and extending your support for her new role as Chief Operating Officer.

San Francisco Immunization Registry Project on Board with UCSF Pediatrics
The San Francisco Immunization Coalition has announced that as of November 3, UCSF Pediatrics is using the California Immunization Registry (CAIR). The Coalition's Immunization Registry Consultant, Cecilia Sandoval, worked with UCSF staff for over two years to make this possible. The years of hard work and perseverance paid off on the first day when a nurse from UCSF Urgent Care was able to locate a child's immunization record in CAIR. The child had been seen at one of SFDPH's clinics and all of her immunizations were recorded in the registry.

To date the registry has 47% of San Francisco's children under six years of age and over twenty medical providers, with the most recent being Treasure Island Job Corps, Chinese Hospital Excelsior Clinic, and UCSF Pediatrics.

Medical Directors to Attend Institute for Physician Leadership
Congratulations to Mark Ghaly, MD, Medical Director at Southeast Health Center, Catherine James, MD, Medical Director at Maxine Hall Health Center and Barbara Wismer, MD, Medical Director at Tom Waddell Health Center who have been accepted into the Center for the Health Professions' new Institute for Physician Leadership program. The nine-month program is designed to develop leadership skills, focusing on innovative and practical experience to help physicians emerge into leadership positions. Acceptance in this prestigious program comes from nominations by senior leaders within the physicians' organization.

Environmental Health Promotion Office Relocates
DPH Children's Environmental Health Promotion, which includes the Childhood Lead Prevention Program, has just completed their move to Suite 410 in Fox Plaza, 1390 Market St., SF 94102. Their new general suite telephone number is 415/252-3888 and each employee has an individual phone number, available through their directory. The new fax number is 415/252-3889.

For the Commissioners who are still learning about the many divisions within the Department of Public Health and what they do, the Children's Environmental Health Promotion (CEHP) staff provide support to community groups looking at systematic environmental health problems that affect residents and neighborhoods, particularly vulnerable residents in distressed neighborhoods. Experienced staff is routinely involved in and supporting community led efforts through research and technical assistance to advocate for city actions for healthier homes and neighborhoods, including their work in supporting the SF Asthma Task Force and the Bay Area Environmental Health Collaborative. CEHP staff also provides comprehensive healthy housing assessment and education to WIC Food Supplement Program clients with children up to 3 years old, San Francisco's most vulnerable families with young children for San Francisco. Karen Cohn, 252-3898, karen.cohn@sfdph.org, is director of CEHP.

The Lead Hazard Code Enforcement and Case Management aspect of their work includes state-certified lead inspection professionals who enforce San Francisco lead hazard laws, facilitate access to the Mayor's Office of Housing (MOH) lead hazard remediation grants, and provide case management support to families of children with lead exposure. For questions relating to childhood lead prevention, contact Joe Walseth, 252-3956, joe.walseth@sfdph.org.

Meeting with Mayor's Office
Dr. Katz announced that he just returned from a meeting with the Mayor and his Budget staff and that the City is facing an unprecedented financial situation. It is clear from his meeting that there will be cuts to the services DPH provides to our patients.

First Day Back on Rounds at SFGH
Dr. Katz also announced that this was his first day back on rounds for the month of December at SFGH, and how pleased he is to be back at SFGH.

Commissioner Comments

- Dr. Chow commended Sue Currin on her appointment as COO.

5) EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARDS

Commissioner Chow presented the SFGH Employee Recognition Awards.

Individual awards were presented to Jay Kloo, RN and Elaine Coleman, RN nominated by Iman Nazeeri-Simmons, Associate Administrator of Quality Management for their work on the 2008 Joint Commission Accreditation Survey.

The team award was presented to members of the SFGH Smoke Free Task Force, including Linda Henson, Safety Officer (Task Force Co-Chair); Troy Brunner, RN, Director of Risk Management (Task Force Co-Chair), Andrew Brunner, JD, RN, Director of UCSF Risk Management at SFGH; Lettie Miller, RN, MS, Head Nurse, 4B Progressive Care Unit; Yuhum Digdigan, RN, MS, Director of Operations, Nursing Administration; Margo Dextraze-Cordova, MSN, Nursing Manager, Unit 4A; Aneita Panton, RN, CNA Coordinator, Nursing Administration; Amy Logan, Clinical Pharmacist; Luenna H. Kim, JD, Personnel Officer, Labor Relations; Donnamarie Martinez, RN, Activity Director, Skilled Nursing Facility, Unit 4A; Alla Rivas, MPA, Health Educator, Department of Training & Education; Darlene Bahrs, Program Director, Stop Smoking Program,; Sylvia DeTrinidad, MPH, Health Educator, Department of Training & Education; and Esther Wong, Risk Management Assistant. The SFGH Smoke Free Task Force was nominated by Delvecchio Finley, Associate Administrator and Kathy Murphy, Deputy City Attorney.

Commissioner Tierney noted that he was at SFGH for World AIDS Day and congratulated SFGH staff on the work they do on behalf of those with HIV/AIDS.

Gene O'Connell thanked SFGH staff for those who worked on behalf of those who helped pass Proposition A by 84 percent including Erin McGrath of the Mayor's Office and Mark Primeu, a DPH contractor. Gene presented Erin and Mark with a special commendation.

6) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Commissioner Steven Tierney presented the report of the Finance Committee, which met at 2:00 p.m. at 101 Grove St. He noted that the Committee:

- Voted to accept December 2008 Health Commission Contracts Report.
- Moved January meeting to January 13, 2009, at 2:00 p.m., which will include an invitation to Controller's Office to present the four audit reports on the Department.
- Made recommendations on RFP process, including RFPs that are out and to be issued in 2009.
- Recommended that the Finance Committee consider restructuring the finances of the Department to look at budget and finance over 18 months to two years and include way to look at program outcomes.

7) SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL HOSPITAL AND TRAUMA CENTER ANNUAL REPORT

Gene O'Connell presented the SFGH FY 2007-08 Annual Report. She began by introducing the executive staff, including, Kathy Murphy, Sue Currin, Sue Carlysle, Dr. Jeff Critchfeld, Elaine Lee, Doug Eckman, Katherine Thoreau, Sharon Wincher, Roland Pickens, Valerie Inouye, Pat Skala, Sharon Kotabe, Sharon Kwong, Kathy Jung, Dr. John Luce, Iman Nazeeri-Simmons, Marti Paschal, Anson Moon, Kathy Eng, and Delvecchio Finley. A copy of Ms. O'Connell's PowerPoint presentation is attached and incorporated into these minutes.

Commissioner Comments/Actions for Follow-up:

- Commissioner Illig noted the Commission's pride with SFGH.

8) APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNING BODY BYLAWS FOR SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL HOSPITAL AND TRAUMA CENTER

Deputy City Attorney Kathy Murphy introduced the changes to the Governing Body Bylaws for San Francisco General Hospital.

Commissioner Comments:

- Commissioner Sako asked about shared leadership between governing boards of SFGH and SFGH Foundation. Ms. Murphy responded that there is a Health Commission member who serves ex officio on the SFGH Foundation Board. There are also members of the SFGH medical staff who serve on the SFGH Foundation Board. Ms. Murphy agreed to provide a copy of the SFGH Foundation bylaws to the Commission

Action Taken: The Commission (Illig, Melara, Chow, Sako, Sanchez, Tierney, Waters) voted to approve the changes to the governing body bylaws for San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center.

9) APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION RENAMING SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL HOSPITAL AND TRAUMA CENTER'S CHILD PROTECTION CENTER IN HONOR OF ELLEN L. WOLFE

Gene O'Connell made a request that the Commission approve a change to rename the SFGH Child Protection Center in honor of Ellen L. Wolfe who has recently passed away and had dedicated her career to the protection of children in San Francisco.

Action Taken: The Commission (Illig, Melara, Chow, Sako, Sanchez, Tierney, Waters) voted to approve the resolution renaming the SFGH Child Protection in honor of Ellen L. Wolfe.

10) OTHER BUSINESS

None.

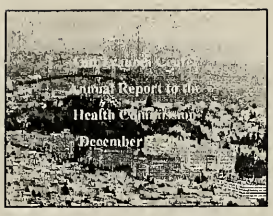
11) COMMISSIONER REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

12) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

James M. Soos
Acting Health Commission Executive Secretary



SFGH Mission

It is the Mission of San Francisco General Hospital to provide quality healthcare and trauma services with compassion and respect.

SFGH Values

- Patient and Staff Safety
- Quality Health Care
- Disease Prevention
- Staff Retention and Recruitment
- Culturally Responsive Care
- Efficient Resource Management
- Academic Excellence in Training and Research

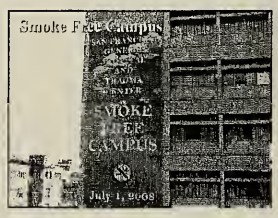
Goals and Accomplishments for Fiscal Year 2007 - 2008

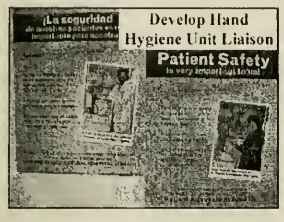
In Fiscal Year 2007-2008

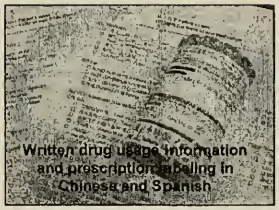
- Served 98,680 individual patients
- Average inpatient daily census of 338 – 23% were with Psychiatry
- Average daily census for SFBHC is 101
- 6,872 surgical procedures – 48% were emergency
- 1,263 newborns
- 529,098 outpatient encounters – 11% were medical or psychiatric emergency
- 3,317 trauma activations

Goal 1

Promote Patient Safety







Eight performance improvement and patient safety projects evolved from this training, including improving positive patient identification, safety of anticoagulation therapy, and surgical care

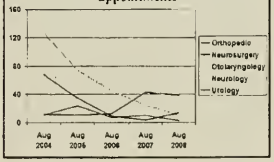
Goal 2

Implement Healthy San Francisco at SFGH

In Fiscal Year 2007-2008

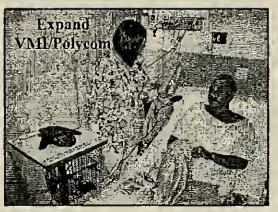
- 10,891 or 33% of all HSF enrollees were treated at SFGH
  - Total of 40,630 clinic visits, 4071 Emergency visits; 499 inpatient days
- 7,687 or 24% of all HSF enrollees established their medical home at SFGH.
  - 1,811 or 24% of these patients are new patients - not seen in last 2 years.

Implementation of eReferral in surgical clinics improved days wait for clinic appointments



Goal 3

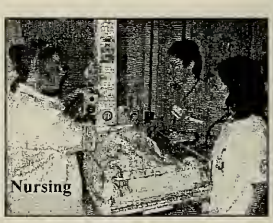
Promote Organizational and Staff Cultural Responsiveness



Clinical pharmacist assigned to assist non-English speaking patients with difficult medication adherence and management issues.

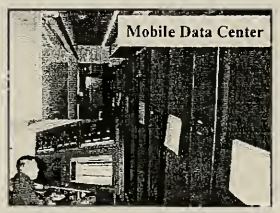
Goal 4

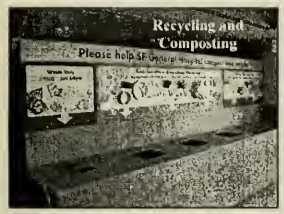
Promote Staff Retention and Recruitment



Goal 5

Improve Hospital Infrastructure





Reduced
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Goal 6

Plan for Replacement
Hospital

Design Development

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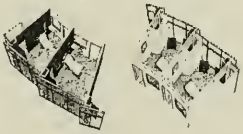

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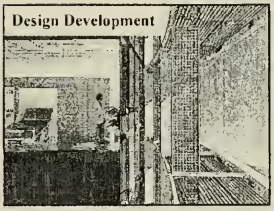

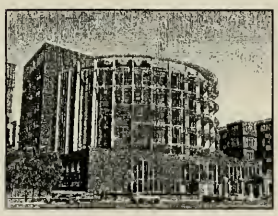

Goal 7

Comply With All Regulatory Standards and Performance Improvement Initiatives

Successful Surveys

- Surgeons Committee on Trauma Certification Survey
- Long-Term Care Licensing Survey
- Joint Commission Consultative Survey
- Joint Commission Clinical Laboratory & Pathology Accreditation Survey
- Alcohol, Drug, Treatments Program Licensing Survey
- Mental Health Rehabilitation Center Licensing Survey
- American College of Surgeons Committee on Cancer Survey
- Joint Commission Certification for Stroke Care

Grants

- Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation – $1.6 million for mobile data center
- Avon Foundation - $1.25 million for access to trials and outreach to low income women who are at high risk of breast cancer
- Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation – $625,000 for an electronic medication administration system
- Kaiser Permanente Community Benefits Program - $400,000 for Prevent Heart Attacks and Strokes Everyday initiative

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AGENDA

HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, December 16, 2008
At
4:00 p.m.
101 GROVE STREET, ROOM 300 or 302
San Francisco, CA 94102

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1) **CALL TO ORDER**

2) **PROPOSED ACTION:** **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF DECEMBER 2, 2008**
**Minutes of the meeting of December 2, 2008*

3) **FOR DISCUSSION:** **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
(Mitchell H. Katz, M.D., Director of Health)
(Report on activities and operations of the Department)
**Director's Report*

4) **FOR DISCUSSION:** **UPDATE ON MID-YEAR BUDGET REDUCTIONS AND FY 2009-10 MAYOR'S BUDGET INSTRUCTIONS**
(Mitchell H. Katz, M.D., Director of Health)

5) **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT****

6) **OTHER BUSINESS*****

7) **COMMISSIONER REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

8) **CLOSED SESSION**

A) Public Comments on All Matters Pertaining to the Closed Session

B) Vote on Whether to Hold a Closed Session (San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.11)

C) Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 and San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.10(d)

APPROVAL OF A SETTLEMENT DeANGELO, ET AL. V. SAN FRANCISCO COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES, SANTA CLARA COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH, OAH CASE NO. N2008070234; AND

IN THE MATTER OF THE AUDIT OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO, SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND CRIME PREVENTION ACT (FISCAL YEARS 2002-2003 AND 2003-2004), OAH CASE NO. 2008-07-0346

D) Reconvene in Open Session

1. Possible Report on Action Taken in Closed Session (Government Code Section 54957.1(a)2 and San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(b)(2).)

2. Vote to Elect Whether to Disclose Any or All Discussions Held in Closed Session. (San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(a).) (Action Item)

9) **ADJOURNMENT**

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*** Opportunity where Commissioners, the Director, and the public may bring up topics for discussion, providing that any action is delayed until proper notice can be granted.

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MINUTES

HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, December 16, 2008
At
4:00 p.m.
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1) CALL TO ORDER

President Illig called the meeting to order at 4:04 PM

Present: President James M. Illig
Vice President Sonia Melara
Commissioner Edward A. Chow M.D.
Commissioner Margine Sako
Commissioner David J. Sanchez, Ph.D.
Commissioner Steven Tierney, Ed.D.

Absent: Commissioner Catherine M. Waters, R.N., Ph.D.

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2) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF DECEMBER 2, 2008

Action Taken: The Commission (Illig, Chow, Sako, Sanchez, Tierney) voted to approve the minutes of the meeting of December 2, 2008 without modification.

3) DIRECTOR'S REPORT

DPH Items at the Board of Supervisors
During the week of December 15, the Land Use & Economic Development Committee meets on Monday, the Government Audit & Oversight Committee and the full Board meet on Tuesday, the

Budget & Finance Committee and a special Joint Public Safety Committee & Police Commission meet on Wednesday, and the City Operations & Neighborhood Services Committee meets on Thursday. The Rules Committee and the City & School District Select Committee are cancelled this week. The report detailed the ordinances, resolutions, and hearings that are pending.

Mid-Year Reductions
On December 9, the Mayor released the Mid-year reduction plan for the City. The plan closes a $118.29M projected deficit for the current year. Health Department reductions of $36.44M are included in that plan. The DPH listing includes:

- A DPH balancing plan to address a $21.84M projected current year deficit, and
- Mid-Year reductions of $14.60M to address the $90M City-wide deficit.

The Mayor did not accept $3.44M of reductions submitted by the department. This will be reviewed in further detail as a separate agenda item.

Mayor's Budget Instructions
The Mayor's Budget Office issued budget instructions for the 2009-10 year. After taking the annualization of mid-year cuts into account, The City is projecting a $460M shortfall. Departments are asked to propose a base budget with a 12.5% reduction in general fund and submit and additional 12.5% contingency reduction. The combined 25% reduction would produce approximately $300M in General Fund savings, which is short of the projected $460M shortfall. The Mayor's budget office hopes to address this remaining shortfall with a combination of department consolidations, labor concessions, reduced capital expenditures and transfers from the rainy day reserve.

The Heath Department's reduction target is $50.08M base and $50.08M contingency. This is in addition to the annualized impact of our Mid-Year cuts. Department budget submissions are due to the Controller on Friday February 20.

Tobacco Ban Wins Latest Round in U.S. District Court
In another small but important public health victory, Judge Claudia Wilken of the U.S. District Court ruled that San Francisco's ban on tobacco sales in drugstores does not violate a tobacco company's constitutional right to advertise its products. The December 5th decision allows the current ordinance, prohibiting the sale of cigarettes and other tobacco products at the city's nearly 60 drugstores to remain in place. Philip Morris attempted to halt the enforcement of the ordinance by claiming that the City is violating freedom of speech by interfering with its ability to communicate with its customers. Judge Wilken's ruling said, "…..there is nothing inherently expressive about selling tobacco products in pharmacies." Because San Francisco is the first city to place a ban on selling tobacco products in pharmacies, the court dispute has drawn nationwide attention. Philip Morris has said it will appeal. We remain committed to defending this ordinance and believe it serves in the best public health interest of the City.

SFGH Wins $4 Million Grant
In September 2008, The Moore Foundation awarded SFGH a $4,035,764.00 grant for the development of a transitional care program. The transitional care program targets the hospitalized population age 65 and over with strategies to reduce readmissions, improve health outcomes and decrease associated cost. The grant application and research project oversight are lead by Sue Currin and Jeff Critchfield, MD, Chief of Staff.

Numerous strategies and care models will be incorporated into the patient plan of care including discharge planning, patient and family education, home visits by home health workers, and follow-up phone communication. The various modalities and combined strategies will be evaluated to determine the most effective plan of care in reducing readmission and improving outcomes.

San Francisco Board Adopts Air Pollution Hotspot Rules for Residential Development
In November 2008, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors adopted a new law imposing regulations to prevent health impacts from air pollution hotspots created by busy roadways. The rules require developers to screen all residential projects for proximity to traffic and calculate the concentration of particulate matter (PM 2.5) from nearby traffic sources. If levels of traffic-attributable particulate matter at a project site exceed a health based action level, developers are required to incorporate ventilation systems to remove pollutants from outdoor air. San Francisco is the first city in the country to take such action to protect residential development from the harmful effects of air pollution from traffic.

To learn more about San Francisco's air pollution hotspot rules go to:
http://www.sfdph.org/dph/EH/Air/default.asp.

Pedestrian Injury Forecasting Tool Published Online ***November 2008***
SFDPH's research modeling environmental impacts on vehicle-pedestrian injury collisions has been published online by the peer-reviewed journal *Accident Analysis & Prevention.* The research and the publication are products of the Bureau of Environmental Health's Urban Health and Place Team. The model suggests that environmental conditions, including traffic volume, street type, land use, and population characteristics, explain approximately 72% of the variation in vehicle-pedestrian injury collisions among San Francisco census tracts. SFDPH has applied the pedestrian injury forecasting model to evaluate industrial and residential rezoning proposals with the aim of affecting improvements in the pedestrian environment. The research can be found at:
http://tinyurl.com/pedinjury.

Childhood Lead Prevention Program Awarded Grant from Public Health Trust
The *Get the Lead Out Coalition*, of which the San Francisco Childhood Lead Prevention Program is a member, was recently awarded a grant from the Public Health Trust. The portion of the grant coming to the Lead Prevention Program is giving us the opportunity to work with our community partner, *La Raza Centro Legal*, to contact retailers in the Mission and Excelsior Districts to increase awareness about lead in Mexican candy and chili powders. Retailers are learning the health risks of consuming lead tainted candy and are encouraged to stop selling lead tainted candy, choose certified distributors and keep current with recalls.

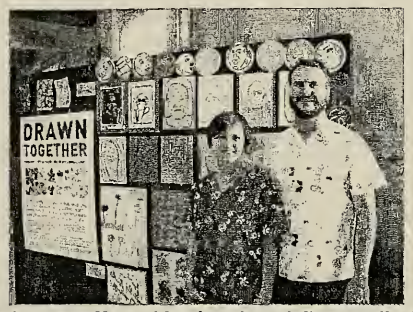
Focusing on the Mission District is crucial—a 2004 survey showed that over 75% of Latino children under the age of 7 may be exposed to dangerous amounts of lead by consuming Mexican candy and chili powders. High levels of lead in children are known to cause irreversible learning and behavioral problems.

Drawn Together Featured in ***San Francisco Medicine***
Drawn Together, a collaborative art project involving Laguna Honda residents, was featured in December's issue of "San Francisco Medicine," the journal of the San Francisco Medical Society.

Over the course of 12 weeks, San Francisco artist Helena Keeffe led printmaking and drawing workshops for Laguna Honda residents. The artwork was arranged into patterns with the help of a

textile designer, and the patterns were printed onto fabric and made into medical scrubs for use at Laguna Honda. Proceeds from the sale of the scrubs are being donated to Laguna Honda and the Laguna Honda Volunteers, Inc.

Drawn Together is a collaborative effort by Keeffe and the Laguna Honda Activity Therapy Department. The project was made possible by a grant from the Creative Work Fund through support from the Walter and Elise Haas Fund, the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, and the James Irvine Foundation.



Artist Helena Keeffe and husband modeling medical scrubs designed by Laguna Honda residents

***Infect Me Not* Campaign**

Since its launch this fall, the ***Infect Me Not*** campaign has reached thousands of San Franciscans through collaborations with city agencies, nonprofits, business leaders, and other interested people. Over 30,000 copies of the "Germs" brochure have been distributed, thousands of public transportation users have seen healthy habit advertisements, and many have laughed through the funny 30 second video-clips that remind us what not to do. We are keeping the momentum up by launching a web-based campaign this month. To see the messages, find materials, and watch the videos go to: www.InfectMeNot.org.

All of the materials developed for the ***Infect Me Not*** campaign are available for free to city agencies and the public. For materials, contact Olivia.Bruch@sfdph.org.

STD Update

To date, in 2008, early syphilis cases in San Francisco continue to increase. Forty-six (46) new early syphilis cases were reported in November, increasing the total number of reported cases in 2008 to 501, a 57% increase compared to the same period last year. At this rate, cases might surpass the last peak observed in 2004 and reach levels not seen in San Francisco since 1990.

The STD Section continues to meet with community-based organizations and medical providers to increase awareness and ensure prompt diagnosis and treatment. Several screening events will also happen in the Tenderloin and at sites that serve the homeless. In addition, the Section is collaborating with the SF Dental Society and UCSF Department of Dentistry to increase dentists' awareness of syphilis, including clinical signs and where to refer patients.

Shape UP SF

Shape UP SF will be presented as a model program at the national *Pioneering Healthier Communities* conference in Washington DC, organized by the YMCA USA and the Centers for

Disease Control and Prevention. Shape Up will highlight the work of the Physical Activity Council including Sunday Streets and the Southeast Food Access Working Group. All associated funding for this conference, including travel and accommodations, is being paid for by YMCA USA.

Mental Health Board to Hold Public Hearing
The Mental Health Service Board has announced that the Community Behavior Health Services will present the Mental Health Services Act, Prevention Early Intervention Plan and Assignment Funds for public comment on Wednesday, December 17, 6:30-8:30, 202 Grove St., Room 300. This is the last opportunity to give input on this plan. The plan can be viewed online at http://www.sfdph.org/dph/comupg/oservices/mentalHlth/MHSA/mnu30-daynotice.asp. Questions can be directed at 255-3474.

Gail Cobe to Serve on Alzheimer Advisory Committee
Mayor Newsom has appointed Laguna Honda clinical nurse specialist Gail Cobe to a citywide panel of Alzheimer's and Dementia experts charged with developing a 12-year plan to address the increasing demand for services. The panel will present recommendations to the Mayor in April.

Sister Miriam Retires from LHH
Longtime Laguna Honda pastoral care provider Sister Miriam Walsh retired this month after more than 40 years at Laguna Honda. She was honored at a special farewell party on December 3. We wish Sister Miriam well in her retirement and thank her for her many years of providing spiritual care to hundreds of Laguna Honda residents and their families.

COMMUNITY HEALTH NETWORK
SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL HOSPITAL & TRAUMA CENTER
DECEMBER 2008
Health Commission - Director of Health Report
(12/08/08 MEC)

	12/08	07/08 to 06/09
New Appointments	22	173
Reinstatements	0	1
Reappointments	44	281
Delinquencies:	0	0
Reappointment Denials:	0	0
Resigned/Retired:	17	118
Disciplinary Actions	0	0
Restriction/Limitation-Privileges	0	0
Deceased	0	0
Changes in Privileges		
Additions	1	38
Voluntary Relinquishments	0	25
Proctorship Completed	42	130
Proctorship Extension	0	0

Current Statistics – as of 10/21/08	
Active Staff	509
Courtesy Staff	562
Affiliate Professionals (non-physicians)	245
TOTAL MEMBERS	1,316

Applications In Process	15
Applications Withdrawn Month of August 2008	0
SFGH Reappointments in Process 01/2009 to 04/2009	162

Comments:

- Dr. Katz thanked his staff for their assistance while he was on service at SFGH during the first part of December.
- Commissioner Chow requested clarification regarding the sale of bonds for SFGH. Dr. Katz stated that the project is funded and that the division of bonds sales is to allow flexibility for the terms of issuance.
- Commissioner Illig asked for clarification regarding the approval of two contracts for a total of $100 million for mental health services in locked facilities. Dr. Katz clarified that this is a 5 year contract that includes locked beds in Napa and other similar facilities. Gregg Sass, CFO, added that the contract went to the BOS due to the size.
- Commissioner Illig asked what the San Francisco Community Health Authority was. Dr. Katz stated that this is the same as the Board for the San Francisco Health Plan and that Commissioner Waters and Dr. Katz serve on this board.

4) UPDATE ON MID-YEAR BUDGET REDUCTIONS AND FY 2009-10 MAYOR'S BUDGET INSTRUCTIONS

Gregg Sass presented an update on the mid-year budget reductions and the FY 2009-10 Mayor's budget instructions. Please see attached for the Memo regarding Budget Cuts.

Commissioner Comments

- Commissioner Sako asked what the amount of raises staff would be receiving in 2010. Mr. Sass responded that the increase in operational costs for the City and County were 230.8 million, most of which he estimated were increase in wage costs.
- Commissioner Sako asked the for the 2010 budget calendar. Mr. Sass gave an overview of these dates, including the June 1st deadline for the Mayor to present the budget to the BOS. Mr. Sass added that these dates often change.
- Commissioner Tierney thanked Dr. Katz and his staff for ensuring that the HIV cuts had less impact than they might have.
- Commissioner Illig stated that the January 6th, 2009 meeting would be Bielenson hearings, and encouraged the public to stay in contact with policy makers regarding the budget.
- Commissioner Waters comment for the record:

I think it is a fata morgana to believe the budget cuts will not have a negative impact on the health of vulnerable San Franciscans. I recognize these are the worst of economic times, and ideology is not a prudent course of action at this moment. There is a difference between intelligence and wisdom. I believe, however, these could be the best of times, as the Department of Public Health becomes dense, compact, and inchoate, to evaluate the utilization and effectiveness of current and erstwhile services.

I certainly do not feel qualified to micromanage the Department of Public Health, and I want to give my full support of the budget decisions, which I hope have been made in a discriminate and participatory manner. We cannot continue to hold the belief that the Department can expect to eliminate health disparities through higher budgets, to do everything and buy everything with limited resources. This is the time to set priorities and consider inescapable tradeoffs and opportunity costs with creative and innovative memes. It would be irresponsible and shortsighted not to think about and prepare for the future, which by definition is unknown. I believe this is an appropriate time to rethink how the Department does business—moving from a model of quantity of services to quality of care and value of services, with more focus on outcomes.

The sui generis of participatory decision-making, whether the process is scientific or heuristic, is even when individuals succumb to bias or partiality, others can correct them using a framework of decision-making that everyone broadly agrees on. Admittedly, this can sometimes be a slow process, especially if the process is conducted democratically and diplomatically. We don't always have to agree, but we should engage to find common ground with the Department's partners. Arguing over ideas is different from suppressing, changing, or ignoring opinions. For these activities debase the enterprise of innovation, threaten the credibility of exchange of ideas, and lead to blind steering. Democracy is fragile.

Once again, we are being asked to give an unconditional imprimatur to reduce and eliminate services that we know through science and experience will be harmful to the most vulnerable residents of San Francisco. Vulnerability increases as unemployment concomitant with uninsured status increases. We are expected to approve these cuts without appearing kvetchy. This is not an ad hominem statement about the Department of Public Health, whose mandatory and necessary budget decisions are being imputed, understandably, by the public. It is a statement about the reality of the times and one view about how to proceed forward in an already outstanding organization with outstanding, hardworking, committed individuals who are trying to find solutions to this economic situation. We all know of someone who has been affected by this recession.

Public Comment

- Alexandra Goldman here representing the SRO Collaborative. Urged the Commission to work with the BOS to mitigate the effect of budget cuts on public health programs.
- Peter Masiak here to discuss a client he works with in an SRO. He stated that the SRO Collaborative members are the only agencies that go into the SROs without specific request and have done many things to improve client situations. Urges cuts to be focused elsewhere than public health as public health services that are really needed.
- Joseles De la Cruz seconded the idea that this process is collaborative. He additionally stated that it is the job of the Health Commission to protect the budget for those who need services the most.
- Kai Zehm, Immune Enhancement Project (IEP), an agency that provides complimentary care services, stated that there are other places to get more funding and that it shouldn't be taken from the poor and dying.
- Mike Ward, here representing himself and the agency he works for. He is living with HIV and as of this month he is 12 months cancer free due to services at IEP. He stated that there have to be ways to collaborate with other agencies such as Project Open Hand and Shanti.
- Alexandra Kutik stated that the department has continuously understated the effects of the budget cuts. Stated that comments by Dr. Katz in the Chronicle make those who make public comment feel like Chicken Little. Asked the Commission to show leadership.
- Jesus Perez, organizer for SRO Collaborative, asked that the Commission not cut the SRO services.
- Matthias Mormino thanked the Commission for standing up for the Mayor's cuts and find ways to keep services for the most vulnerable populations. Stated that there are creative ways that the budget process can be solved.
- Mary Slaughter, RN with CCSF at CASARC. Ms. Slaughter stated that services at CASARC with new staff would involve intense, expensive training and that cutting 3 RN's would cost the city money and eliminated experienced interviewers.
- Malia Martin stated that she is only 10 years old and is thankful that she has parents that take care of her. Added that CASARC takes care of her friends who need the most help.

- Elaine Martin, RN at CASARC, stated that current forensic interviewers are competent and skilled, an ability that can not be gained quickly. She is opposed to the cuts at CASARC and stated that the services can not be treated the same as adult sexual assault victims.
- Carmen Hehessy, RN at CASARC, stated that child sexual abuse is a public health epidemic. This included 1 out of 4 girls and 1out of 6 boys, many who will never tell. She read a letter from Dr. Carpenter in Contra Costa County supporting CASARC and opposing budget cuts.
- Helen Yuan, Chair for Health California Project and employee of Self-Help for the Elderly, stated that we are all here to protect the public health and opposed the deletion of the Assistant Health Educator at Chinatown Public Health Center.

5) GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

6) OTHER BUSINESS

None.

7) COMMISSIONER REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

8) CLOSED SESSION

A) Public Comments on All Matters Pertaining to the Closed Session

None.

B) Vote on Whether to Hold a Closed Session (San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.11)

The Commission went into closed session at 4:43 p.m. Present in closed session were Commissioner Chow, Commissioner Illig, Commissioner Sako, Commissioner Sanchez, Commissioner Tierney, Commissioner Melara, Mitchell H. Katz, M.D., Health Director and Deputy City Attorney Terence Howzell.

C) Closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 and San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.10(b)

Action Taken: The Commission (Chow, Illig, Sako, Sanchez, Tierney, Melara) approved the settlement of DeAngelo, et al. V. San Francisco Community Behavioral Health Services; and the matter of the audit of the City and County of San Francisco, Substance Abuse and Crime Prevention Act.

D) Reconvene in Open Session

The Commission reconvened in open session at 4:47 p.m.

1. Possible Report on Action Taken in Closed Session (Government Code Section 54957.1(a)2 and San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(b)(2).)

2. Vote to Elect Whether to Disclose Any or All Discussions Held in Closed Session. (San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(a).)

Action Taken: The Commission voted not to disclose any discussions held in closed session.

9) ADJOURNMENT

The Commission adjourned at 5:02 PM.

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James M. Soos
Acting Health Commission Executive Secretary

City and County of San Francisco

Gavin Newsom
Mayor

Department of Public Health

Mitchell H. Katz, MD
Director of Health

MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 16, 2008

TO: President Jim Illig and
Honorable Members of the Health Commission

THRU: Mitchell H. Katz, MD
Director of Health

FROM: Gregg Sass
Chief Financial Officer

RE: **Mid-Year Reductions for the Department of Health**

On December 9, the Mayor released the Mid-year reduction plan for the City. The plan closes a $118.29M projected deficit for the current year. Health Department reductions of $36.04M are included in that plan. The DPH reductions include:

- A DPH balancing plan to address a $21.84M projected current year deficit, and
- Mid-Year reductions of $14.20M to address the $90M City-wide deficit.
- Three additional reductions totaling $1.57M (security outsource, single standard of care, and conversion of acute psychiatry unit) that will require legislation and are in pending status.

Attached is a revised spreadsheet updating the current status of each initiative.

DPH Balancing Plan

As discussed at previous Health Commission meetings, the Department is projecting $24.7M in revenue shortfalls and excess expenditures. This is largely a result of the combined effect of state budget cuts to revenues, unfunded structural initiatives in the current budget, and higher than budgeted patient census at SFGH. Before we could address the General Fund mid-year reduction targets we were required to submit a balancing plan for the current year to eliminate the current year Department shortfall. We submitted a plan that addressed $21.84M of the shortfall with a combination of additional revenues, deferred spending on initiatives, a freeze on filling vacant positions, and spending reductions to offset cuts to State matching of CCS expenditures. We also identified non-general fund sources to replace $1M of general fund project costs. These items were included in the Mayor's reduction plan. These items are included in the attached side-by-side comparison.

DPH Mid-Year Reductions

The listing of mid year reductions submitted to the Mayor's Budget Office included all initiatives previously reviewed by the Health Commission plus one additional initiative that was identified after the December 2nd meeting for a total general fund reduction of $17.43M. The Mayor approved $14.20M of the reductions and did not accept $3.23M as follows:

- HIV Prevention Cuts – The proposed cuts were reduced 50% from $1.13M to $565K.

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- Health-at-Home – The proposed cut for $405K was not accepted.
- Behavioral Health – The proposed cut for $4.78M was reduced $888K to $3.89M, to lessen impact on substance abuse services.

The following three items were not included in the reduction plan. Each of them require legislative action in the form of State licensing approvals and Board of Supervisor approval and as a result will be considered at a later time in collaboration with the Board of Supervisors.

- Limit provision of MH services to the seriously mentally ill – The proposed cut for $364K will require a charter amendment and was excluded.
- Conversion of a 21-bed Psychiatry unit to non-acute status – The initiative for $315K will require State licensing approval and was excluded.
- Security Outsource – The initiative for $895K will require legislative action to approve a Prop J and was excluded.

A new initiative was added, to reduce Health Educator positions by 8 for a savings of $257K. We have included a write-up of this initiative outlining the rationale and financial impact as well as others that were revised since our last meeting.

It appears that the Department will not be required to submit additional cuts to meet the original $26.7M target at this time, however, as the Controller continues to update financial projections, and as efforts by the State to balance the current year budget become more clear, it is possible that we will be asked to identify additional mid-year cuts.

The items on this listing that reduce services will be noticed for a Beilenson Hearing before the Health Commission on January 6.

DPH FY 2008-09 MID-YEAR REDUCTIONS - December 10, 2008

Item	Div	Description	2008-09 Net General Fund	Included in Mayor Proposal	Difference
REVENUE					
A1	Dept. Wide	08-09 Increased Revenue SFGH	(3,000,000)	(3,000,000)	
A2	SFGH	Increase Cafeteria Pricing	(22,500)	(22,500)	
	TOTAL REVENUE		(3,022,500)	(3,022,500)	
BUDGET REDUCTIONS					
F1	Environmental Health	Asthma Task Force	(77,000)	(77,000)	-
F2	CBHS	Behavioral Health Outpatient Reduction	(245,834)	(245,834)	-
F3	CBHS	Behavioral Health Outreach Reduction	(654,270)	(654,270)	-
F4	CBHS	Delay Bayview Health Initiative	(75,000)	(75,000)	-
F5	CBHS - MH	Restructuring Trauma Recovery Center/Rape Treatment Center and the Child and Adolescent Support and Advocacy Resource Center.	(301,657)	(301,657)	-
F6	CBHS - MH	Supplies for Shelters	(156,000)	(156,000)	-
F7	CBHS - MH	Provide Mental Health Services to persons with serious mental illness	(364,230)	-	364,230
F8	AIDS	Complimentary Therapies	(155,000)	(155,000)	-
F9	AIDS	HIV Prevention	(1,131,720)	(565,860)	565,860
F10	STD	STD Selective Testing	(72,500)	(72,500)	-
F11	HUH	Closure of housing projects in need of rehabilitation	(61,389)	(61,389)	-
F12	HUH	Elimination of funding for the Crisis Response Team/SFGH Emergency Housing Program	(151,684)	(151,684)	-
F13	HUH	SRO Collaborative	(148,828)	(148,828)	-
F14	PC	Medical Patch for Adult Day Health Center	(20,000)	(20,000)	-
F15	PC	Primary Care Reduction - Medically Indigent Adults	(141,699)	(141,699)	-
F16	PC	Primary Care Reduction	(104,759)	(104,759)	-
F17	SFGH	Conversion of One 21 Bed Acute Psych Unit to a Non-Acute unit	(315,027)	-	315,027
F18	SFGH	Convert all CNAs to Nursing Care Assistants for all units except SNF and BHC	(169,893)	(169,893)	-
F19	SFGH	Convert EKG Technician to Medical Evaluation Assistant (MEA)	(4,872)	(4,872)	-
F20	Dept. Wide	Security Outsource	(895,497)	-	895,497
F21	Dept. Wide	Management Reductions and Efficiencies.	(250,000)	(250,000)	-
F22	Dept. Wide	Elimination of vacant positions		-	-
F23	CBHS	Walden House	-	-	-
F24	LHH	Closure of Adult Day Health Center at LHH	(132,533)	(132,533)	-

F25	HAH	Health at Home	(404,521)	-	404,521
F26	JH	Jail Health	(23,566)	(231,566)	(208,000)
F27	SFGH	5% cut to UC Affiliation Agreement	(1,301,367)	(1,301,367)	-
F28	SFGH	Medical High User Program	(133,137)	(133,137)	-
F29	SFGH	Close the 4C Clinic on Holidays	(13,401)	(13,401)	-
F30	HUH	Termination of Contracted Case Management Services at Two Housing Sites and Replaced With MediCal Billable Staff	(272,721)	(272,721)	-
F31	CBHS	Reductions Community Behavioral Health Contracts	(4,775,988)	(3,888,248)	887,740
F32	CBHS	5% reduction in CBHS civil service clinics	(305,690)	(305,690)	-
F33	SFGH	Convert Unit Clerks to Clerks in Certain Outpatient Areas	(145,637)	(145,637)	-
F34	SFGH	Convert RN's in Certain Outpatient Clinics to LVNs and MEAs	(703,474)	(703,474)	-
F35	SFGH	Inpatient LVN Reduction	(402,406)	(402,406)	-
F36	CBHS	Clinic Co-location and Care Coordination	(35,000)	(35,000)	-
F37 NEW	Dept. Wide	Decrease Health Education	(257,869)	(257,869)	-
	TOTAL REDUCTIONS		**(14,404,169)**	**(11,179,294)**	**3,224,875**
	TOTAL REDUCTIONS AND REVENUE		**(17,426,669)**	**(14,201,794)**	**3,224,875**
	Balancing Plan to address CY projected deficit				
		Additional revenue at SFGH	(9,000,000)	(9,000,000)	-
		Delay spending on initiatives	(1,740,000)	(1,740,000)	-
		Hold Vacant Positions	(8,900,000)	(8,900,000)	-
		Reduce General Fund Match - Loss of State Grant	(1,200,000)	(1,200,000)	
		Subsititute Non GF for GF emergency generator project	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)	-
	Total		(39,266,669)	(36,041,794)	3,224,875

Initiative Number __F3____
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2008-2009 Program Change Request

DEPARTMENT NAME:

- ☐ San Francisco General Hospital
- ☐ Laguna Honda Hospital
- ☐ Primary Care
- ☐ Jail Health
- ☐ Health At Home
- ☐ Public Health
- ☒ CBHS - Mental Health
- ☒ CBHS - Substance Abuse
- ☐

DPH SECTION: Community Behavioral Health Services – Substance Abuse
PROGRAM CONTACT NAME/PHONE: **Bob Cabaj, 255-3447**
PROGRAM / INITIATIVE TITLE: **Community Programs Outreach Reduction**
GENERAL FUND: **$654,270 General Fund Reduction in FY08_09**
$1,338,860 General Fund Reduction in FY09_10

TARGETED CLIENTS: Adults with Substance Abuse Addictions and Adults with Mental Health Disorders

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: (Description of Program Change)
(If proposing reductions to Contractors, provide name of contractor, program and amount)

Funding for eleven Community Behavioral Health outreach programs will be eliminated under this mid-year initiative. Additionally, the General Fund supplement for nine Substance Abuse Primary Prevention programs currently funded by the Federal Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant will be eliminated The affected Agencies/Programs and the General Fund savings in FY08_09 and FY09_10 are as follows:

Richmond Area Multi-Services, Outreach - FY08_09: $11,408; FY09_10: $24,890
SF Study Center, Office of Self Help- FY08_09: $68,869 FY09_10: $150,260
SF Study Center, Socialization Through Empowering Peer - FY08_09: $23,364 FY09 10: $50,975
SF Study Center, Center for Special Problems - FY08_09: $10,201; FY09_10: $22,256
SF Study Center, Southeast Jobs Initiative Roundtable - FY08_09: $8,122; FY09_10: $17,720
Bayview Hunters Point Foundation, Family Center Outreach – FY08_09: $158,897; FY09_10: $346,685
Caduceus, Outreach Services – FY08_09: $40,104; FY09_10: $87,500
Larkin Street, Homeless Youth Outreach - FY08_09: $93,789; FY09_10: $204,631
National Council on Alcoholism, Information Center - FY08_09: $52,735; FY09_10: $115,059
St. James Infirmary: FY08_09 - $75,000; FY09_10: $75,000
Japanese Community Youth Council, Asian Youth Prevention Services - FY08_09: $47,048; FY09_10: $102,651
San Francisco Pre-Trial Prevention – Substance Abuse Referral Unit - FY08_09: $32,300; FY09_10: $70,472
Asian American Recovery Services, COPASSA Prevention - FY08_09: $4,431; FY09_10: $9,667
Bayview Hunters Point Foundation , Youth Prevention - FY08_09: $1,664; FY09_10: $3,631
Center on Human Development, Youth Striving for Excellence - FY08_09: $2,274; FY09_10: $4,961
National Council on Alcoholism, Youth Services - FY08_09: $1,780; FY09_10: $3,884
Westside Community Mental Health, Youth Aware Prevention - FY08_09: $1,782; FY09_10: $3,887
Youth Leadership Institute, Friday Nite Live - FY08_09: $4,051; FY09_10: $8,838
YMCA, Urban Services Prevention - FY08_09: $16,451; FY09_10: $35,893

JUSTIFICATION: (required by the Mayor's Office)

The need for multiple, small outreach projects has been reduced over the past year. The creation of Healthy San Francisco has generated wide publicity and outreach, bringing new individuals into treatment and coordinating the care of many who already received some services piecemeal. Healthy San Francisco now provides a primary health care home for most indigent San Franciscans, which creates a steady stream of individuals needing specialty mental health and substance abuse treatment to community treatment providers.

The consolidation of the Homeless Outreach Team and the MOST Team into 'SF First' provides a single, large, coordinated outreach unit focused on engaging populations identified as the top priority by the Department.

IMPACT ON NUMBER OF CLIENTS SERVED AND UNITS OF SERVICE PROVIDED

This initiative will result in the reduction of outreach services to 1,234 unduplicated clients with an equivalent loss of 21,167 units of service.

EXPENSE AND REVENUE IMPACT (Reductions/Reallocations-complete supporting budget doc)

This initiative will result in General Fund savings in the Medical Services Contract line as follows:
HMHSCCRES227: FY08_09: $258,305; FY09_10: $563,574
HMHMCC730515: FY08_09: $309,557; FY09_10: $675,396
HMHMCP751594: FY08_09: $11,408; FY09_10: $24,890
HCHPDAIDPRGF: FY08_09: $75,000; FY09_10: $75,000

IMPACT ON DEPARTMENT'S WORKFORCE (increase or decrease of FTE's)

There is no impact on the Department's workforce.

Initiative Number F9
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2008-2009 Program Change Request

DEPARTMENT NAME:

- ☐ San Francisco General Hospital
- ☐ Laguna Honda Hospital
- ☐ Primary Care
- ☐ Jail Health
- ☐ Health At Home
- ☐ Public Health
- ☐ CBHS - Mental Health
- ☐ CBHS - Substance Abuse
- ☑ AIDS Office HIV Prevention Section

DPH SECTION: AIDS Office - HIV Prevention
PROGRAM CONTACT NAME/PHONE: **Dr. Grant Colfax 554-9173**
PROGRAM / INITIATIVE TITLE: **HIV Prevention Programs**
GENERAL FUND: **$565,860 (midyear reduction), $1,131,720 (annualized)**

TARGETED CLIENTS: Residents of San Francisco who are at high risk for HIV.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: (Description of Program Change)
(If proposing reductions to Contractors, provide name of contractor, program and amount)

HIV Prevention programs are guided by the priorities of the HIV Prevention Planning Council (HPPC). The HIV Prevention Section works closely with the HPPC to establish and implement programs reaching the highest risk populations. To manage the General Fund reduction, the HPS maintained the HPPC priorities to focus funding on gay men and other men who have sex with men, transgendered populations at risk, and injection drug users. Less funding is targeted to lower risk populations, such as females who sex with men and males who have sex with females. HPS proposes a cut across all programs, grant-funded and General Fund with the exception of syringe access (needle exchange) programs which will be held harmless. Programs will then largely be funded on grants to address the General Fund reduction. Syringe access programs will be maintained at current funding level because of the evidence that demonstrates the effectiveness of these programs in preventing HIV transmission among injection drug users and their partners. The low rate of HIV among heterosexual populations in San Francisco is often attributed to the early and continuous support of to syringe access programs.

The HIV Prevention Section is meeting the HPPC priorities with the following plan:

1. $565,860 will be reduced with the following methodology:
   - Hold syringe access (needle exchange) programs harmless
   - Reduce funding allocation for behavioral risk populations 7 (females who have sex with males [FSM]) and 8 (males who have sex with females [MSF]) to the levels recommended by the HPPC
   - Achieve the remainder of the cut by reducing all other program funding by the necessary percentage.

The cuts are administered as follows:

- AGUILAS, Inc – Health Education/Risk Reduction - $6,901
- Ark of Refuge, Inc – Prevention with Positives - $3,658
- Asian and Pacific Islander Wellness Center – Health Education/Risk Reduction - $8,612
- Bay Area Young Positives – Prevention with Positives - $3,015
- Black Coalition on AIDS –Prevention with Positives/Health Education/Risk Reduction - $6,349
- Girls After School Academy – Health Education/Risk Reduction - $14,889
- Glide Foundation – Counseling, Testing, Linkages - $19,603

- Harder & Co – Technical Assistance - $3,514
- Institute for Community Health Outreach – Health Education/Risk Reduction - $21,662
- Instituto Familiar de la Raza - Prevention with Positives/Health Education/Risk Reduction - $8,705
- Instituto Familiar de la Raza - Health Education/Risk Reduction (youth) – $20,413
- Iris Center - Health Education/Risk Reduction - $30,947
- Larkin Street Youth Center - Health Education/Risk Reduction - $4,318
- Larkin Street Youth Services- Counseling, Testing, Linkages - $8,395
- Mission Neighborhood Health Center – Health Education/Risk Reduction & Counseling, Testing, Linkages - $8,393
- Mobilization Against AIDS – Health Education/Risk Reduction - $3,828
- Native American AIDS Project - Health Education/Risk Reduction - $13,738
- New Leaf – Health Education/Risk Reduction - $5,922
- PHFE – Fiscal Intermediary Svs – $2,038
- San Francisco AIDS Foundation/Magnet/Stonewall/BBE – Health Education/Risk Reduction - $26,964
- San Francisco LGBT Community Center – Health Education/Risk Reduction - $3,873
- Shanti – Prevention with Positives - $16,002
- St James Infirmary – Health Education/Risk Reduction - $12,458
- STOP AIDS project – Prevention with Positives/ Health Education/Risk Reduction - $27,650
- Tenderloin Health – Counseling, Testing and Linkages - $10,235
- Tenderloin Health – Prevention with Positives - $13,176
- Tenderloin Health – Prevention with Positives - $12,346
- Tenderloin Health –Health Education/Risk Reduction - $28,507
- Tenderloin Health – (HYA) Health Education/Risk Reduction - $37,736
- UCSF AIDS Health Project – Counseling, Testing, Linkages - $23,898
- UCSF AIDS Health Project – Health Education/Risk Reduction - $6,104
- UCSF Women's HIV Program – Prevention with Positives - $20,533
- UCSF AIDS Health Project – Health Education/Risk Reduction - $3,560
- UCSF Positive Health Practice – Prevention with Positives – $2,600
- Walden House – Health Education/Risk Reduction & Prevention with Positives - $9,207
- SFDPH/Community Health Prgs for Youth - Counseling, Testing, Linkages - $4,315
- SFDPH/Forensic AIDS Project – Counseling, Testing, Linkages - $68,805
- SFDPH/STD Prevention and Control– Counseling, Testing, Linkages - $17,899
- SFDPH/STD Prevention and Control — Health Education/Risk Reduction - $7,222
- SFDPH/STD Prevention and Control- Third Party Notification - $2,550
- SFDPH/STD Prevention and Control – Prevention with Positives - $3,286
- SFDPH/Tom Waddell Health Center – Counseling, Testing, Linkages - $4,473
- SFDPH/Public Health Lab – Counseling, Testing, Linkages - $7,561

JUSTIFICATION: (required by the Mayor's Office)

To maintain the HIV prevention priorities of the HPPC, a reduction was made across all HIV prevention programs, with the exception of syringe access programs (needle exchange). Syringe access programs are demonstrated effective in preventing the transmission of HIV among injection drug users, a vulnerable and high risk population. Early support in San Francisco for syringe access programs has lessened the impact of HIV on injection drug users and their partners and may contribute to the low rates of HIV among heterosexual populations. Therefore these programs will be held harmless. Both grant-funded and city funded programs are cut, therefore, programs currently on General Fund will be moved to grant-funded to account for the budget reduction.

IMPACT ON NUMBER OF CLIENTS SERVED AND UNITS OF SERVICE PROVIDED

This initiative will result in the reduction of services to 2,048 unduplicated clients with an equivalent loss of 9,981 units of services.

EXPENSE AND REVENUE IMPACT (Reductions/Reallocations-complete supporting budget doc)

($565,860) General Fund Reduction, ($1,131,720) General Fund Reduction Annualized

IMPACT ON DEPARTMENT'S WORKFORCE (increase or decrease of FTE's)

TBD

Initiative Number F34
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2008-2009 **Program Change Request**
Mid Year Reductions

DEPARTMENT NAME:

- X San Francisco General Hospital
- ☐ Laguna Honda Hospital
- X Primary Care
- ☐ Jail Health
- ☐ Health At Home
- ☐ Public Health
- ☐ CBHS - Mental Health
- ☐ CBHS - Substance Abuse
- ☐

DPH SECTION. San Francisco General Hospital / Community Primary Care
PROGRAM CONTACT NAME/PHONE: Sue Currin / Michael Drennan MD
PROGRAM / INITIATIVE TITLE: **Replace RN's in Certain Outpatient Clinics with LVNs and MEAs**
GENERAL FUND: **($703,474)**

TARGETED CLIENTS:

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: (Description of Program Change)
(If proposing reductions to Contractors, provide name of contractor, program and amount)

This initiative would replace Registered Nurses (RN) with Licensed Vocational Nurses (LVN) or Medical Evaluation Assistants (MEA) in outpatient areas that do not do treatments, procedures or see urgent care patients.

JUSTIFICATION: (required by the Mayor's Office)

This change is supported by our budget principle that reductions will be guided by the DPH Strategic Plan goal that "services, program, and facilities are cost-effective and resources are maximized." In the outpatient areas where there are no treatments, procedures and urgent care services, it is more cost effective to use lower level LVNs and MEAs to support the clinical operations. Patient care will not be compromised.

IMPACT ON NUMBER OF CLIENTS SERVED AND UNITS OF SERVICE PROVIDED

None

EXPENSE AND REVENUE IMPACT (Reductions/Reallocations-complete supporting budget doc)

This would reduce salary and fringe expense by $703,474 for FY08-09 if fully implemented by February 20, 2009. The savings would increase to $2,448,093 for FY 09-10.

IMPACT ON DEPARTMENT'S WORKFORCE (increase or decrease of FTE's)

There would be a reduction of 7.73 RN FTE's, an increase of 0.64 LVN FTEs and an increase of 6.61 MEA FTEs in FY 08-09.

Initiative Number F37
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2008-2009 Program Change Request
Mid-Year Reduction

DEPARTMENT NAME:

- X San Francisco General Hospital
- ☐ Laguna Honda Hospital
- X Primary Care
- ☐ Jail Health
- ☐ Health At Home
- X Public Health
- X CBHS - Mental Health
- ☐ CBHS - Substance Abuse
- ☐

DPH SECTION: San Francisco General Hospital
PROGRAM CONTACT NAME/PHONE: Jenny Louie 554-2605
PROGRAM / INITIATIVE TITLE: **Reduce Health Education Initiatives**
GENERAL FUND: **($257,341)**

TARGETED CLIENTS:

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: (Description of Program Change)
(If proposing reductions to Contractors, provide name of contractor, program and amount)

Assistant Health Educators in the lead prevention section (1), women's health center (1), primary care (3), quality management (1), and health promotion (2.9) perform a variety of education tasks.

JUSTIFICATION: (required by the Mayor's Office)

Health education services are a lower priority than providing direct health services. Moreover, these entry level positions are non-revenue generating.

IMPACT ON NUMBER OF CLIENTS SERVED AND UNITS OF SERVICE PROVIDED

TBD

EXPENSE AND REVENUE IMPACT (Reductions/Reallocations-complete supporting budget doc)

Effective February 20, 2009, decrease operating expenses $257,869, in FY08-09 and $886,970 in FY09-10.

IMPACT ON DEPARTMENT'S WORKFORCE (increase or decrease of FTE's)

2.96 FTE 2819 Assistant Health Educators will be reduced in 08-09 for a total FTE reduction to 7.9 FTE in 09-10.

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